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WORK OF ART. Working on her second semester art project is senior Missy Goll. Goll designed the mural which consists of 37 colored pencils. (Photo by Barb Farrar)



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HERE, USE THIS. During a dress rehearsal, senior Jeff Fatters offers a knife to cut a cake in "A Freak of Nature". The play was written and directed by senior John Lee (Photo by Barb Farrar)



JUMP SHOT. In a game against the Valley High Tigerettes, senior Karen Koellner shoots to score. She was picked to be on the second All-Conference basketball team. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)



As the alarm clock announced 5:00 a.m., 25 swimmers rolled out of bed and drove to the school for swim practice. The sharp blasts of a whistle marked the beginning and end of each workout for Iowa's top-ten ranked boys' swim team.

Fifty student council members came to order, munching their complimentary chocolate doughnuts. Every other Wednesday morning they came to school an hour early and planned such events as a Statue of Liberty dance, Welfare Week, and Homecoming.

The homeroom bell rang as several students hurriedly slammed locker doors and ran to their "home away from home." A lucky few slipped quietly into their rooms, while less fortunate latecomers received big, red "T"s in the attendance books. Three more "T"s got students referred and possibly a seat in Restricted.

During first period the SPIRIT staff met in rooms 202 and 204 to put together one of the state's top yearbooks. DECA students had class in the morning hours to accommodate jobs in the afternoon. Applying the skills they learned helped several students at the state DECA convention. Three seniors (Bret Posegate, Sean McNunn, and Steve Abel) were elected state officers at the fall convention.

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REV IT UP! Working in the automech room instructor Don Faas takes a look under the car. Many students took automech classes to save themselves money on car repairs. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)

IN THE DISTANCE. The structure which was built in September of 1960 now held almost 1140 students during the 1984-85 school year. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)

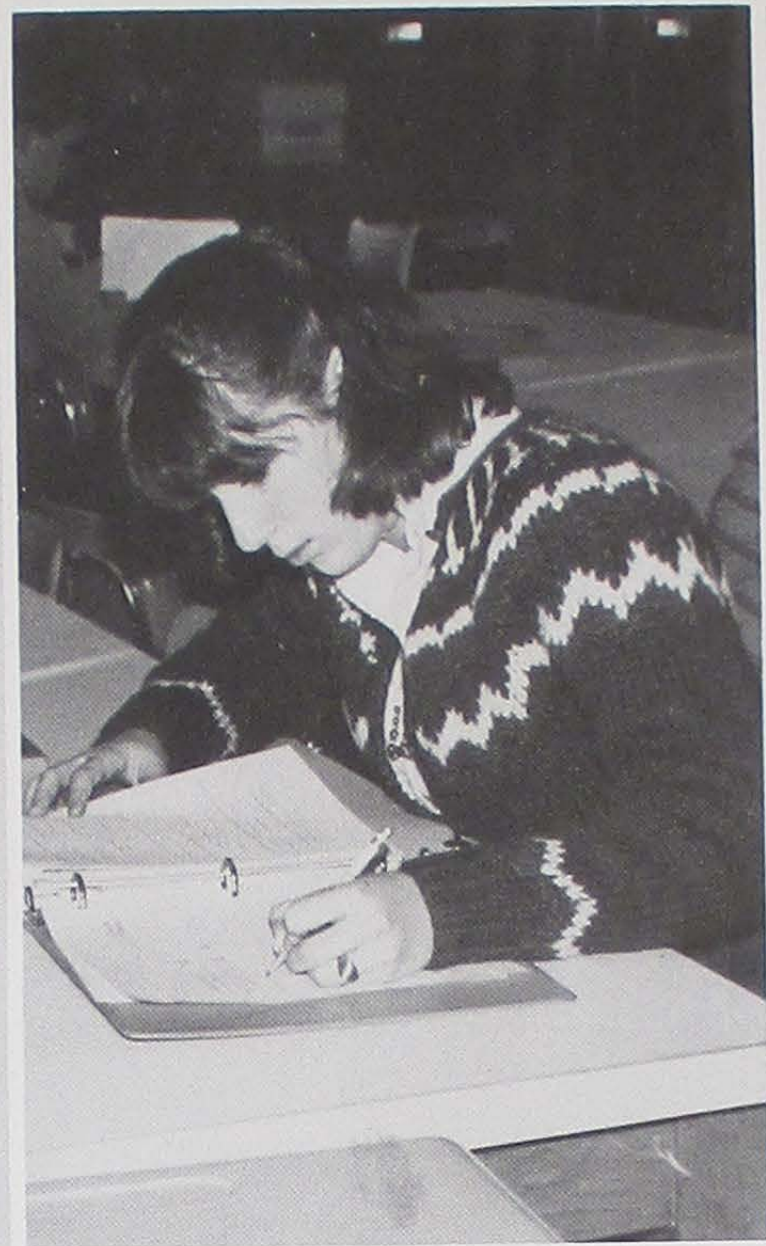




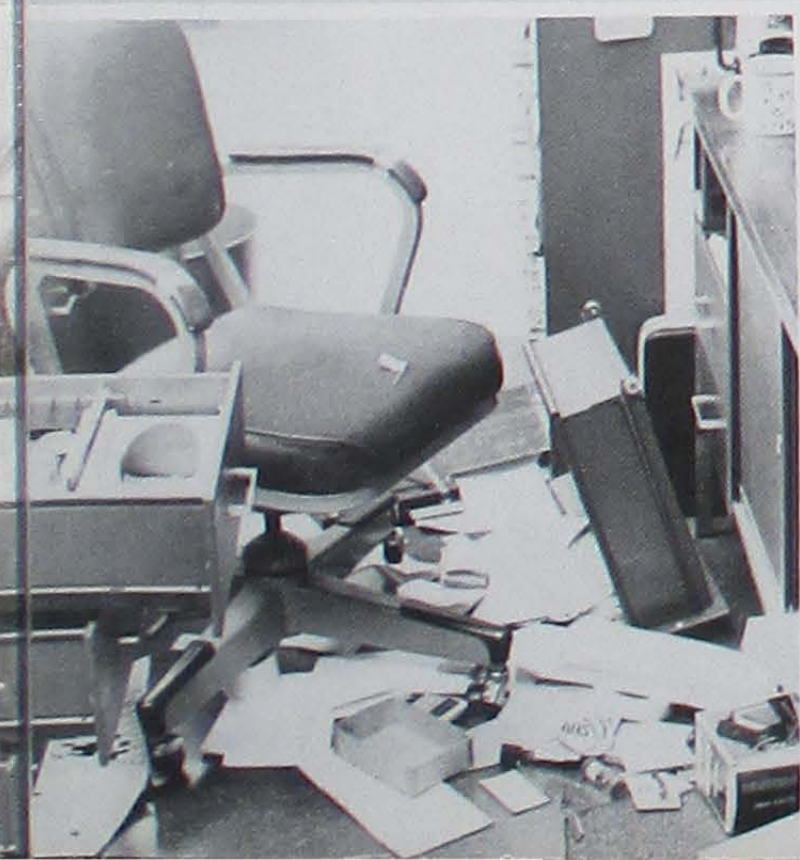
SELF-SCHEDULING BLUES. Sophomores Jana Lynott and Shelby Myers fill out bubble sheets with their class codes as they complete the scheduling process. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)

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HELP IS HERE. Many students went to the Math IMC when they had problems with assignments. Senior Julie Osweller works on her Algebra II during a free period. (Photo by Barb Barrar.)



A-ONE, A-TWO. In order to prepare for a performance at Dr. Farrar's house, Mr. Karl Schloerke, Farrar, Mr. Keith Carlson, Mr. Dale Tramp, and Mrs. LoAnn Cambell practice in the boiler room. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)



BREAKING AND ENTERING. The remains of the break-in in the main office lay scattered on the floor. Over \$40 worth of items were stolen in the break-in. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)

PLAYING THE ROLES. Dress rehearsals were necessary to smooth out any mistakes before opening night. Sophomore Sarah Berger and junior Katy Magee practice during a run through of *David and Lisa*. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)

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GREEN THUMBS. The new \$68,000 greenhouse helped students cultivate an interest in botany. Sophomores Scott VanSickle and Jill Dasher water Easter lilies during a biology lab. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)



BE MY VALENTINE. Over 150 volunteers visited Ames area nursing homes on Valentine's Day. Cheryl Jacobson hugs a friend during one of the Valentine parties. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)

MAKING A PRINT. While in art class, junior Kristie Burns creates a letter head with India ink for her graphic design assignment. (Photo by Erin Andersen)



WOMAN IN BLACK. Many students invited alumni to the Winter Formal. Senior Kate Seagrave and her date John Grant dance to the music of Pinch. (Photo by Vel Randic)





NATURE'S BOUNTY. The new greenhouse gave students a chance to experiment with different plants. They grew hibiscus and poinsettias. (Photo by Erik Munson)



unch time came and many seniors left for McDonald's, Taco Time, or Hardee's to eat. The underclassmen had the option of eating the cafeteria's chicken-fried steak with mashed potatoes or risking Restricted Study Hall by sneaking out to eat.

Some students had all 5th period to goof around, but many had classes. 178 students met in the bandroom or auditorium for band practice. The band program placed 21 people in the All-State concert, and various honor bands around the state.

Sophomores had an opportunity for the first time to learn about botany in great depth. In the biology classes, students were able to grow poinsettias, Easter lillies and other plants in the new 68,000 dollar green house — the largest in any school in Iowa.

Interest in computers grew as more families purchased mini-computers for home use. To accommodate the growing computer classes, a new computer lab was built in the automech wing. Students had access to 15 computers in the lab, as well as five printers and four color monitors.

As the day came to a close, students looked forwards to going home and watching MTV, Dallas, or The Newlywed Game. Others left for their part-time jobs selling books at the Campus Bookstore, serving pizza at Valentino's, or scooping ice

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TIME CONSUMING. One of the most memorable aspects of self-scheduling was waiting in line. Sophomore Georgann Griffin waits to have her schedule okayed in the final check-out line. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

A CLOSE EMBRACE. Slow dances were often the favorites at the Winter Formal. Juniors Chris Anderson and Chris Sharp sway to the sounds of the band, Pinch. (Photo by Vel Randic)

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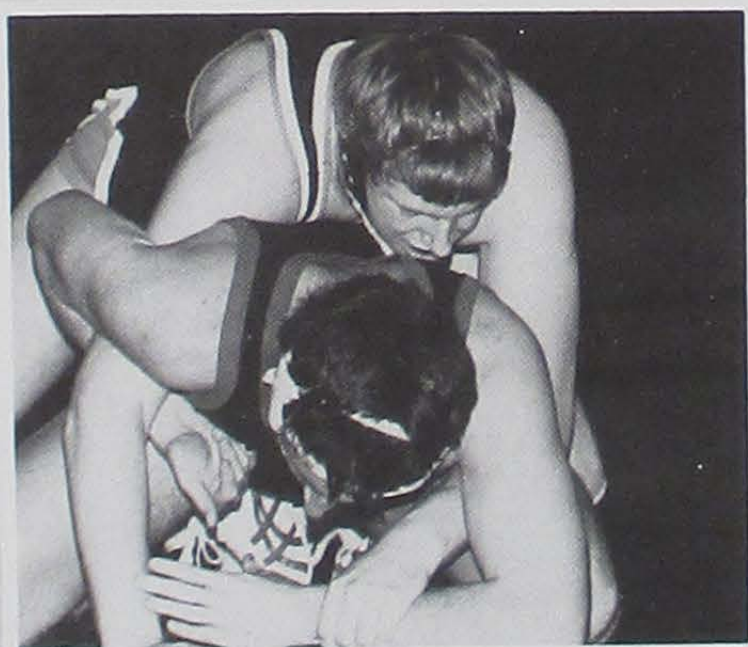
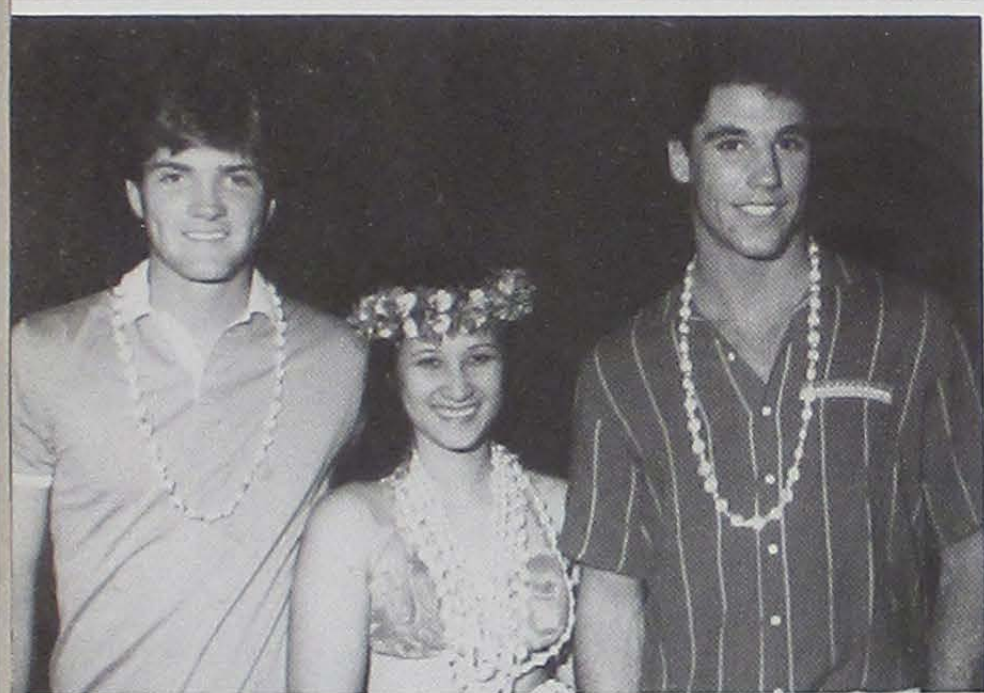
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BALANCING ACT. During a gymnastics meet, senior Annie Dougan steadies herself. Dougan was named best all-around in the Metro Conference. (Photo by Vel Randic)



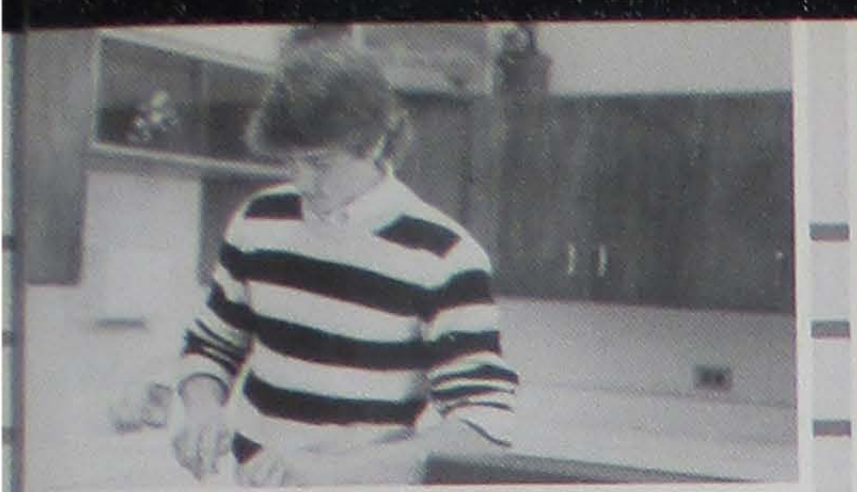
A STEADY HAND Careful application of make-up is a vital part of creating a character in theater. Junior Lara Hill uses brown grease paint to create winkles before a performance. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

SPRINGBREAK. Hawaii was the springbreak vacation spot for seniors Troy Evans and Charles Vondra. Many students took trips to places like Spain, France, and Florida. (Photo by Carl Vondra)



GRAPPLIN' During a wrestling match sophomore Paul Weltha attempts to pin his opponent. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

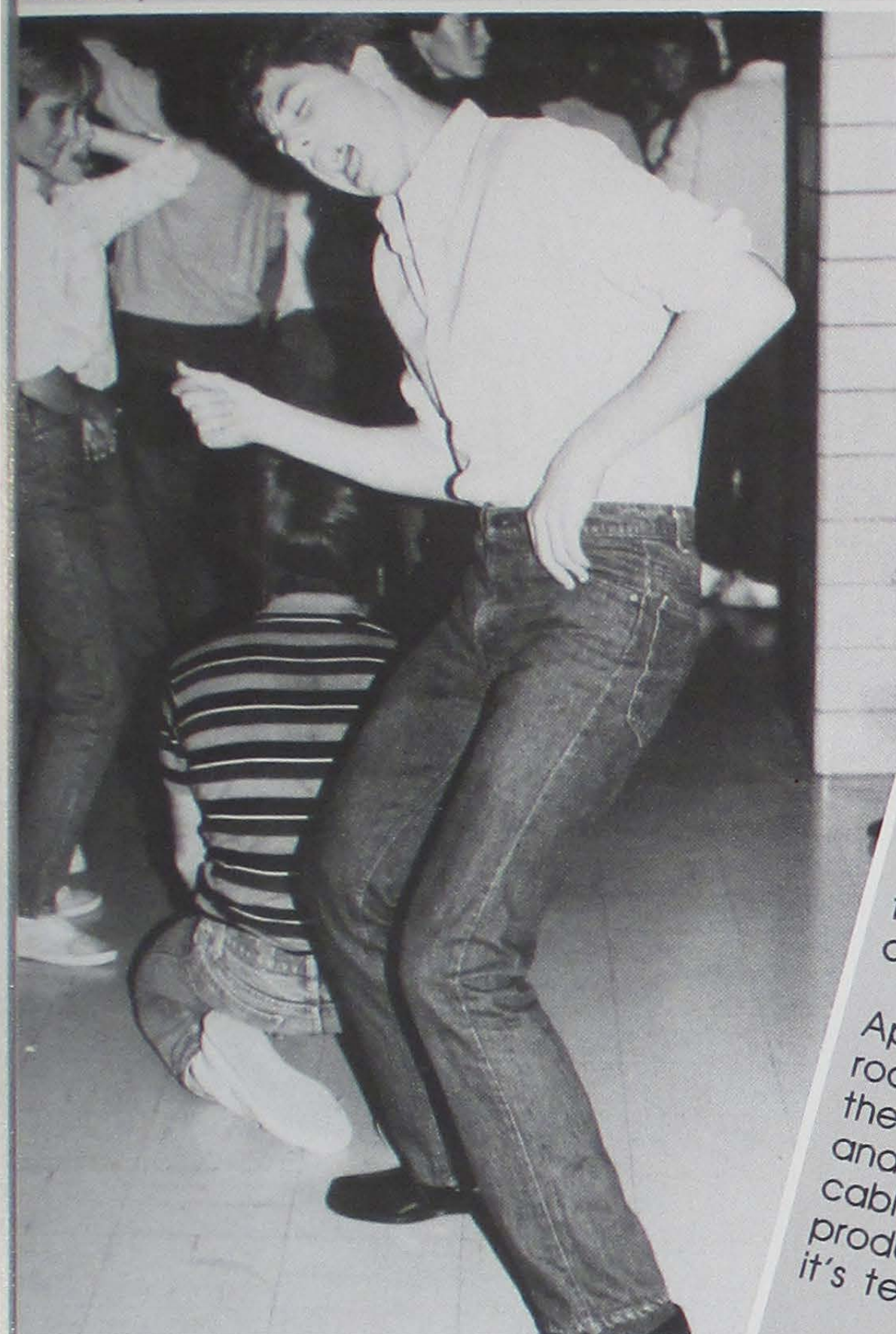




NONSEXIST EDUCATION. AHS had many male students taking courses which formerly consisted of females only. Senior Jim Cable works on an assignment in a Creative Foods class. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)



HITTING THE BOOKS. Before a physics test, junior Melinda Taschetta studies in the IMC. Free periods were often used for last minute cramming. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven.)



DANCING SHOES. Many students let loose at the *Spirit* sponsored sweetheart dance. David Moravetz sings along to the music provided by KUSR, the ISU student radio station. (Photo by Vel Randic)



ON THE PHONE. Acting out her role in the Senior One-Acts is junior Kristen Egeland. The One-Acts gave seniors the opportunity to direct plays. (Photo by Barb Farrar)



ream at Boyd's. Although many left the school, their classmates stayed at school to participate in extra-curricular activities.

Many students were seen after school just completing work for various classes and organizations. *Spirit* and *Web* staffs often stayed at school until midnight to meet deadlines. The One-Acts' casts spent 13 hour days at the school, rehearsing. Dancers in the annual modern dance show, *Terpsichore*, who had arrived at six in the morning for rehearsals, continued after school until late in the evening to perfect their performances.

Speech Club members often met after eighth period to practice their choral readings, ensemble actings, personal oratories and after-dinner speeches. Two ensemble actings were able to compete at the All-State festival, "Still Alarm" and "The Best of Bob and Ray" went on to the festival after receiving two outstanding ratings and beating 1200 other schools.

Approximately 15 students met in the media room every Wednesday at 3:30 to put together the TV show, *AHS Update*. It was student directed and produced, then broadcast live on the local cable channel. Also, in February, another student production, *Ames High Match Game '85*, made it's television debut. These two programs gave

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PERFORMING. Doing their dance for the Modern Dance Show, Terpsicore, are senior Amy Theile and junior Harry Laudencia. Terpsicore had over 100 students participate in the show. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)

Students a chance to work in broadcast journalism.

Some highlights of the sports year included: three wrestlers, juniors Sean Watt, Bob Thompson, and Bob Metzger, moving on to the semi-finals at the State Wrestling Meet, senior Charlie Vondra being named for the All-State football team, and the hockey team becoming the number two team in the state.

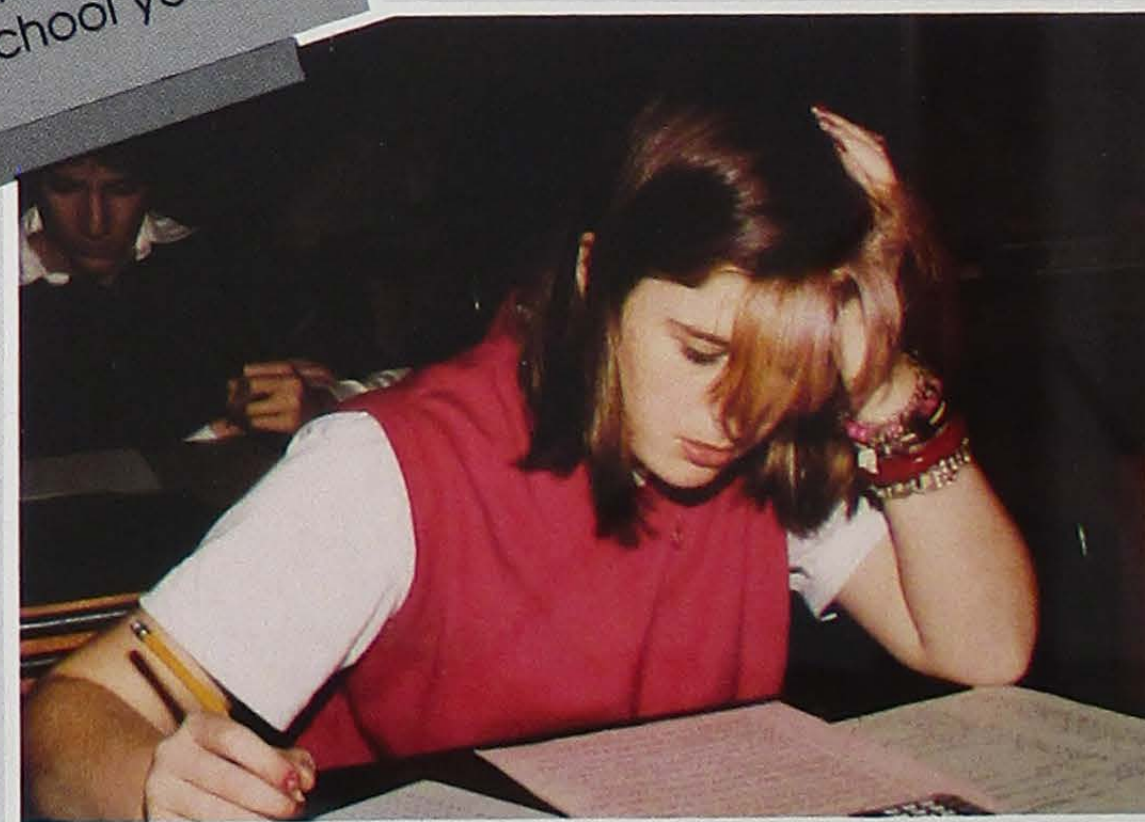
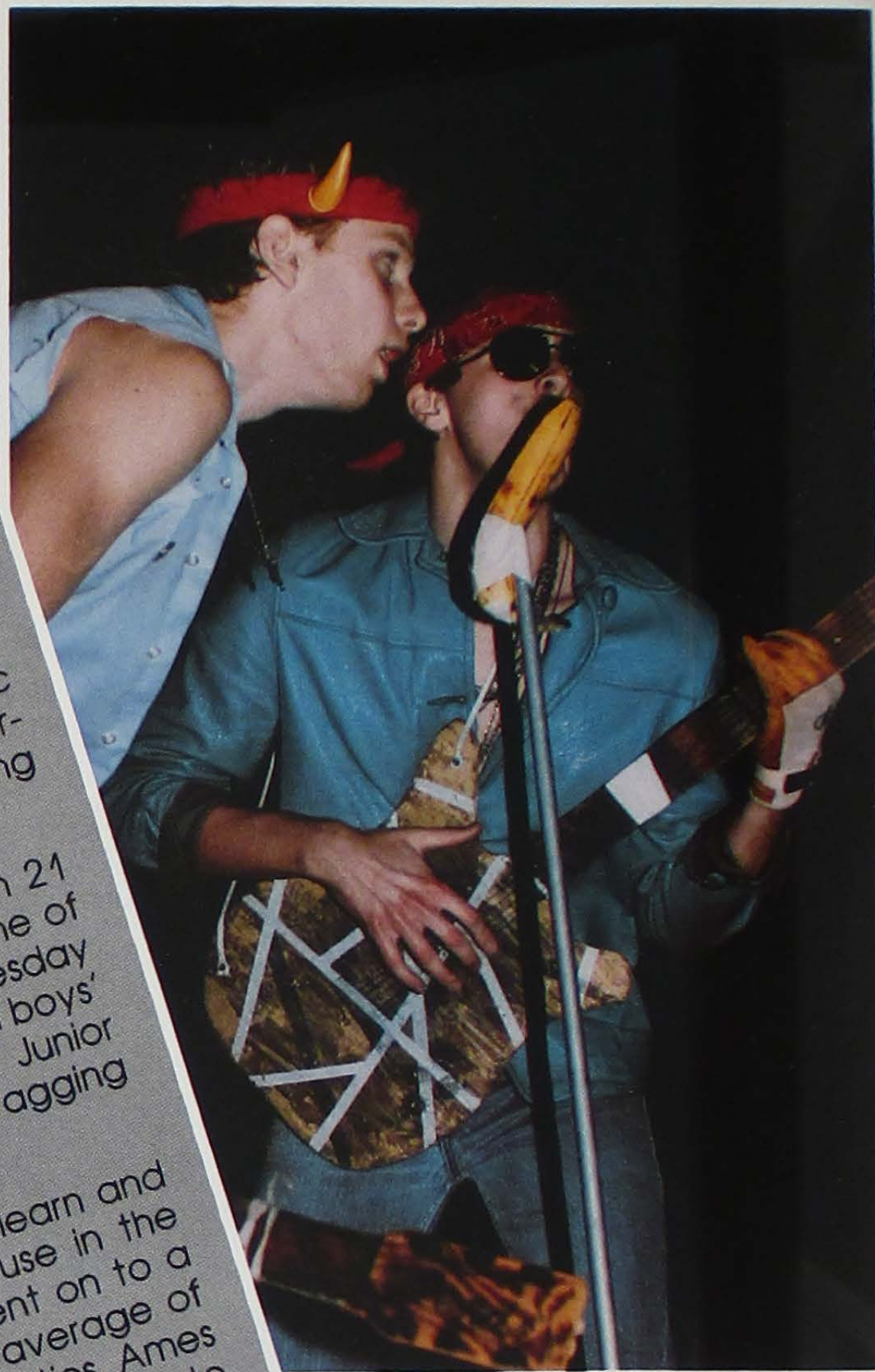
Many teams also saw successful seasons in the Metro conference. Both football teams had winning seasons, the sophomores being named conference champs with an undefeated record. The gymnastic team gained the first place in the Metro conference, as well as senior Annie Dougan being named the top All-Around gymnast.

While students had a chance to participate in 21 varsity teams, intermural basketball was still one of the most popular programs. Every Wednesday night during the winter season, eight girls' and boys' I-Ball teams met in the Welch and Central Junior Highs' gyms to play for fun and for the bragging rights of I-Ball champs.

Each day of school brought new skills to learn and practice, which students continued to use in the future. **Eighty percent** of the seniors went on to a higher education, double the national average of 40%. In schoolwork, in sports, and in activities, Ames High students proved the 1984-1985 school year to be ... A CUT ABOVE.

WANGO TANGO. During the Air Band show, seniors Chris Hill and Mark Andrews lip sync Ted Nugent's "Wango Tango". (Photo by Dana Seehafer)

END OF SEMESTER. First semester final exams were held on January 10 and 11. Completing her Physics A exam is junior Tara Wendel. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)





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TERPSICORE. After many hours of practice juniors Tami Cott, Eric O'Berry, and David White perform their dances at Terpsichore. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)

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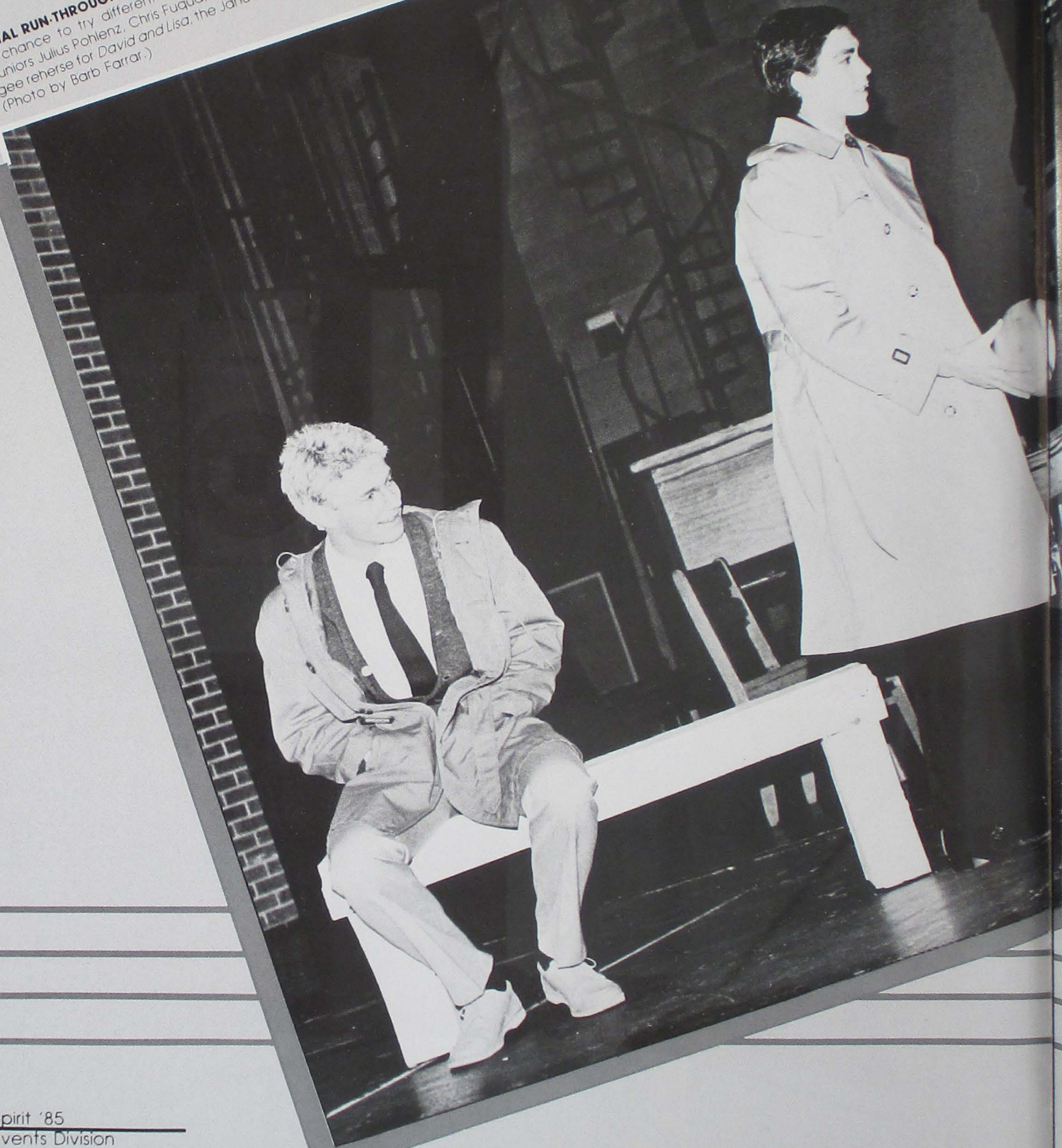


TRAVELING ABROAD. Posing for a picture in Paris are juniors Lisa Tice, Cathy Stidwell, and Kelly Dasher. The French trip was March 8 to the 16. (Photo by Brenda Pedigo)

FIRST DIVISION FINISH. Downing the ball in the Ames vs. Roosevelt game is senior Charles Vondra, who was selected to the second All-State team. Vondra helped lead the Little Cyclones to a first division finish in the Metro conference. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

TOGA DAY Dressed up for Toga Day are senior Linda Graver and junior Chris Fuqua. Toga day was part of the activities held during Homecoming week. (Photo by Janet Grover)

FINAL RUN-THROUGH. The stage gave students a chance to try different forms of expression. Juniors Julius Pohlenz, Chris Fuqua, and Katy Magee rehearse for David and Lisa, the January play. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)





It was a year to remember. We experienced many changes in leadership, dances, registration, graduation. The list goes on. And as students, we had a say in the changes that hap-

pened.

In the fall we voted from five different parties for the student council presidency. From those five, the leading team, seniors Tom Fleener and Dave Stenberg, won by only five votes.

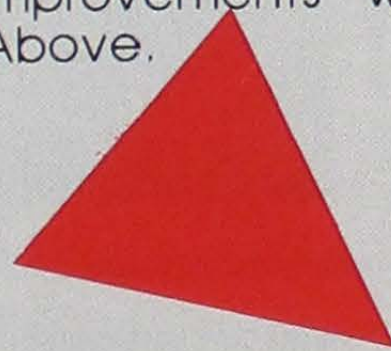
In November we had another decision to make. Ted Mondale and John Zaccaro visited Ames High to encourage us to vote for their parents Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro. President Ronald Reagan was re-elected for a second term, but Geraldine Ferraro presented the idea of a female vice-president to the nation's voters.

We also saw dances make a reappearance. After almost six months without a dance, except Prom, we began to have dances again, with few alcohol-related incidents. Homecoming and Formal both experienced changes. Homecoming lost a bonfire and gained a free dance after the coronation, Thursday night. The Christmas Formal changed its name to the Winter Formal so the name wouldn't discriminate against non-Christians.

Computer registration changed our semester break as well as our schedule. We had one less free day, but the standing in long lines and other hassles of self-scheduling were gone.

As we saw the seniors graduate, a new batch of sophomores came in. These were, perhaps, the last set of sophomores to enter Ames High, because rumour was, in 1986, freshmen would be at the high school.

Another year passed and with the changes and improvements we realized we were A Cut Above.



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EVENTS

July - a month for vacationing

Along with scalding days, cold pools and lemonade, July brought a variety of activities for Ames High students.

For many students July was a month for traveling. While some students went on traditional family vacations, others chose to go alone or with friends.

Senior Sandra Herrera had a rather unusual vacation. The Columbian foreign exchange student went on a trip organized by her sponsor, the Rotary Club. Two hundred fifty students from 21 different countries participated in the trip that lasted one month and four days. Five buses and a van were used to drive the students all over the United States.

"We started in Sharon, Pennsylvania and went West," said Herrera. "It was so much fun! We didn't get any sleep! We were dancing every night, breaking the curfew! And we got to see so many places since we traveled 3000 miles. I especially loved San Fran-

cisco!"

Some students combined their vacations with visiting colleges or universities they hoped to attend.

"I thought I'd better start looking early for colleges because it was my last year in high school. The summer was a good time to do that because I like to travel," said senior Ann Wishart.

Holding a summer job was another option. Senior Melinda Hendrickson worked at Godfather's Pizza while staying in Okiboji, Iowa.

"The people I worked with were nice. The pay was good, and I couldn't have found a better location to work at."

Whether they were working, vacationing, or just taking a break from the school year, most students said they enjoyed their summer.

RIDE THE TIDE. Cutting the water with her skis, senior Jolene Porath enjoys a day on Lake Panorama in Panora, Iowa.



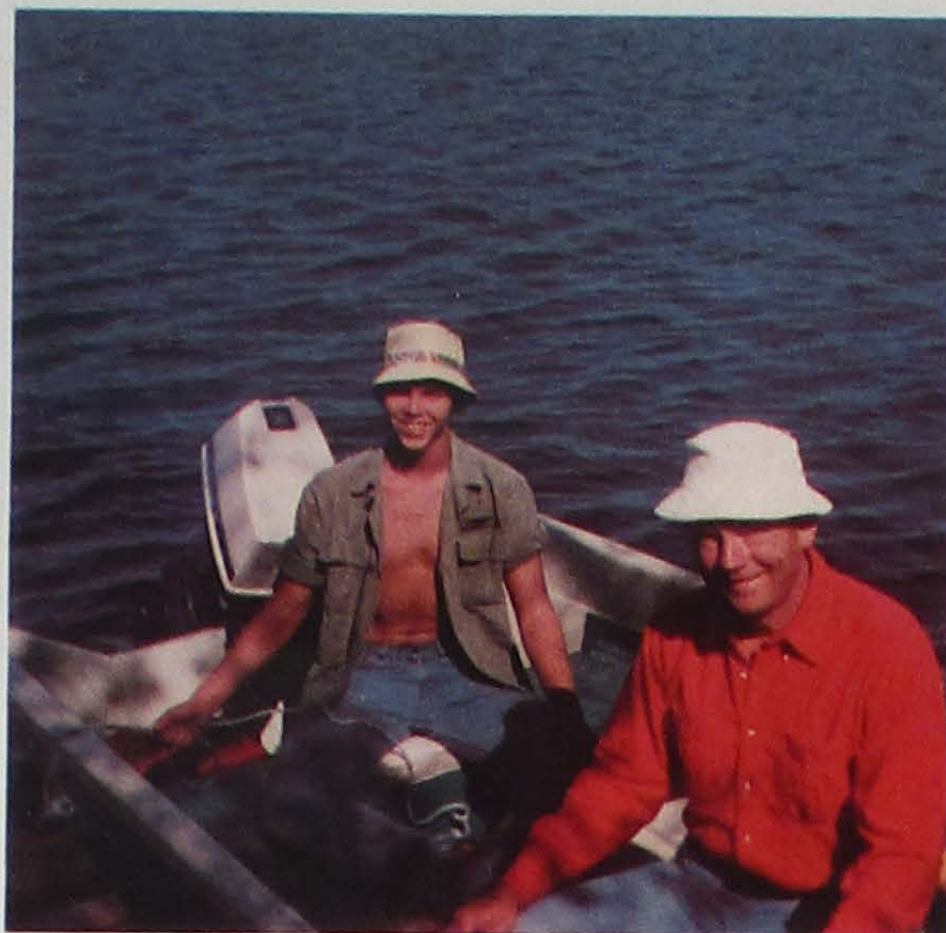
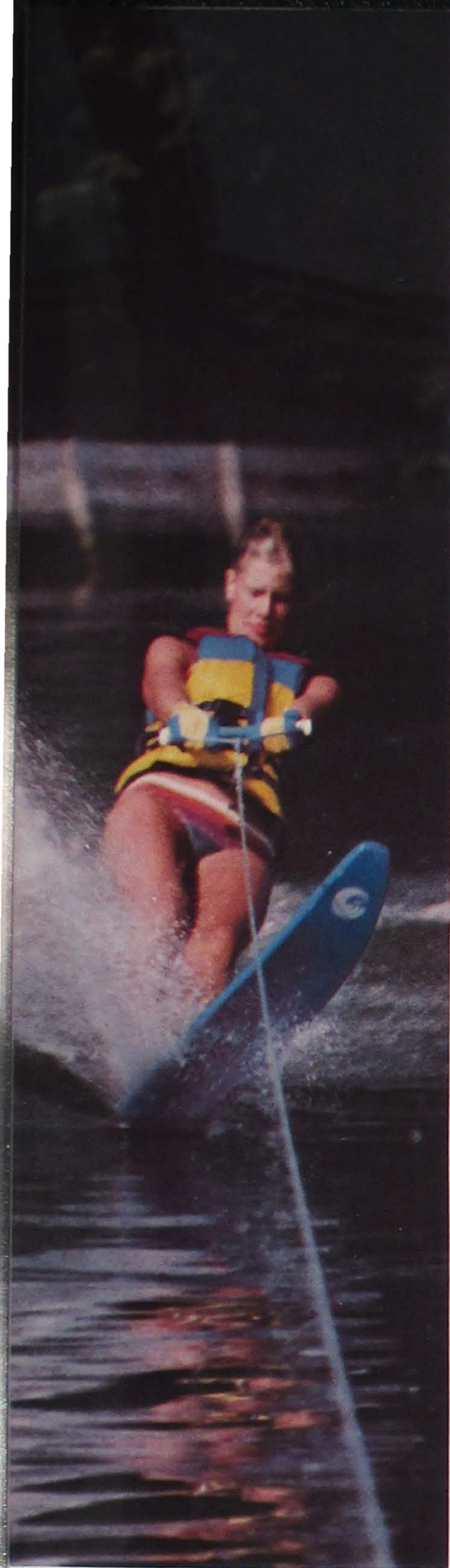
WRITE ON. Senior Nicki Murrell contributes to the graffiti on a wall in West Germany.

JUST CLOWNING AROUND. Face-painting was one of the skills senior Jeni Rieck learned this summer at clown camp. Many Ames High students chose to attend summer camps or workshops.



PRIZED POSSESSION Receiving an award for her horse, senior Kathy Knight flashes a smile. Ribbons were given out by 4-H, who held the contest.





Preparing for school through summer camps

Learning new skills, polishing old ones, or just having fun, were several reasons why students chose to attend summer camps or workshops.

Senior Karen Brown participated in the National Cheerleaders Association-Camp held at Iowa State University. During this four-day period Brown was selected as an All-American Cheerleader finalist.

"I had a lot of fun at cheer camp this summer. I liked meeting and working with the people on my squad. We had to get along to make it through four days of being together constantly."

Junior Mark Yates attended a journalism camp at the University of Indiana in Bloomington.

"It was a lot of hard work," said Yates. "I learned a lot about design, but not enough about journalism writing."

Senior Alissa Kaplan was a counselor in training at Herzl Camp in Webster, Wisconsin. This was a Jewish camp, based in Minneapolis.

"We were called 'ozos', which is Hebrew for 'helpers'," explained Kaplan.

The ozos had to pay 125 dollars and submit an application. They did such things as working with campers, mopping floors, setting up docks and carrying luggage. Kaplan planned to return to the camp as a counselor the next summer.

"It was hard work, but it was fun and very rewarding. For the first time in my life I learned to work with many people towards a common goal," said Kaplan, and added, "It was great to take days off in Duluth and Minneapolis with the other ozos."

One sophomore camper summed up his feelings, "Camp was a great way to meet new friends, learn skills, and just relax while having fun."

CORN FLAKES? With sun-burnt faces after a long day of detassling corn, Dana Seehafer, Amy Meyers, Holly Westberg, and Lori Birdseye pose for a picture.

FAMILY FLOAT. A summer day provides an afternoon of fishing for junior Dave White and his dad. The Whites were staying in a cabin in Canada.



ROW YOUR BOAT. Drifting down a river in Papua, New Guinea, junior Leslie Stern turns to smile at the camera.

EVENTS *July*

Students attend Olympic Games



The 1984 Olympic games caused Seniors John Lambert and Katherine Middleton to journey to Los Angeles, California.

Middleton and her family attended about seven different events. She said that the events her family attended were "really cheap to get into." The most they paid was \$15 per ticket for swimming events. The most Lambert paid was \$33 for track and field tickets. Transportation on the other hand was expensive. The Middletons spent \$96 on busses in two days.

Of the four events Lambert saw, the first was track and field. "We had incredible seats!" he said. "When Carl Lewis was just 50 feet away my cousins and I looked at each other and said, 'Wow! Are we actually here?'"

Despite a boycott by the communist-bloc countries, athletes from 140 nations competed in the event. Among these were two Iowa State University runners, Nawal El Moutawakel and Danny Harris.

El Moutawakel, running for Morocco, won her nation's first gold medal ever by winning the Women's 400m Hurdles.

Harris finished second only to Edwin Moses of the United States in the Men's 400m Hurdles.

Comparing the games to Ames High sporting events, Middleton said, "Everybody paid attention, it wasn't just a social event like at Ames High."

"It was impressive to see everyone cheer for the United States instead of for Ames," she said.

WAVING THE FLAG Nawal El Moutawakel holds the Moroccan flag after winning an Olympic medal. She ran track for I.S.U. (Photo by ISU)



OUTSIDE OLYMPIC VILLAGE.

Katharine Middleton and family take a break in front of Olympic Village. (Photo by Larry Middleton).

ROUNDING THE BEND. Running at Iowa State helped Danny Harris place second in the Olympics. (Photo by ISU).



THE CRIME DOG. County Sheriff John Stark and McGruff announce a new crime prevention stamp at the post office. (Photo by Ames Tribune).



EVENTS

Students register classes for both semesters

With the end of summer and the start of school, students found a major change in the registration process. On August 23 and 24 students registered for first and second semester classes. In previous years second semester registration was in January. The reason for this change was so that class schedules could be computerized.

Many students encountered conflicts because all year classes had to be scheduled during the same period both semesters.

"I was angry about registration this year because I didn't know it was for both semesters until the day before," said junior Terry Faden. "Because of that, even though I'm a junior, I won't be able to take driver education until next summer."

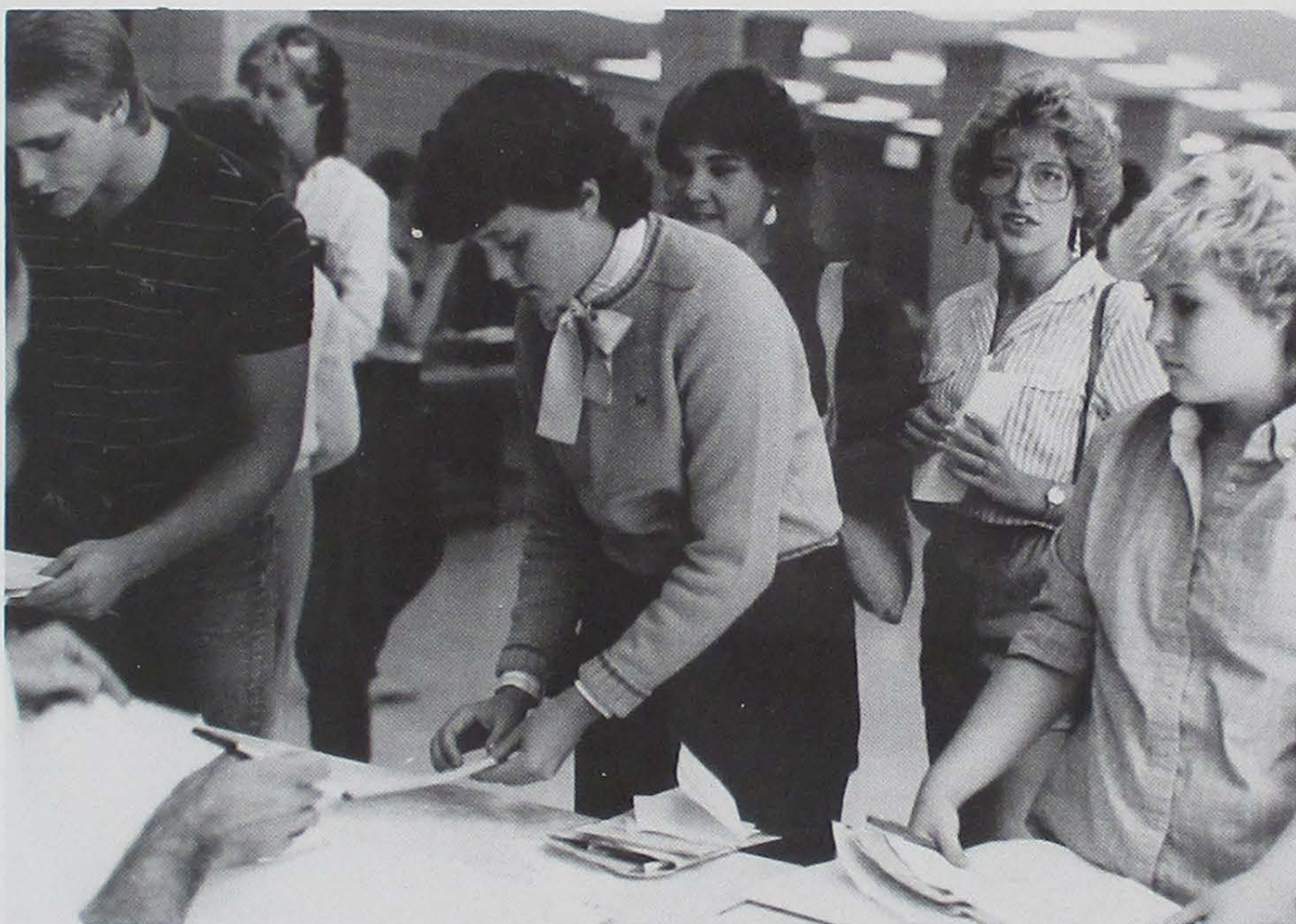
Senior Pete Gierasch, new this year

from Colorado, said "I think that we should have been able to register for each semester at the beginning of each semester. Students would be more sure of the classes they would like to take and try a bit harder in those classes."

Many of the staff members felt that the new system was confusing and less efficient than the previous system.

"Registration of juniors and seniors was more complex than we thought it would be," said social studies teacher Bill Enquist. "Therefore some students may have become frustrated with the long lines and made poor choices."

Sophomore Tara Fatka agreed, "I'd heard that registration was supposed to be impossible, but it was actually pretty easy. Nobody I knew had any problems."



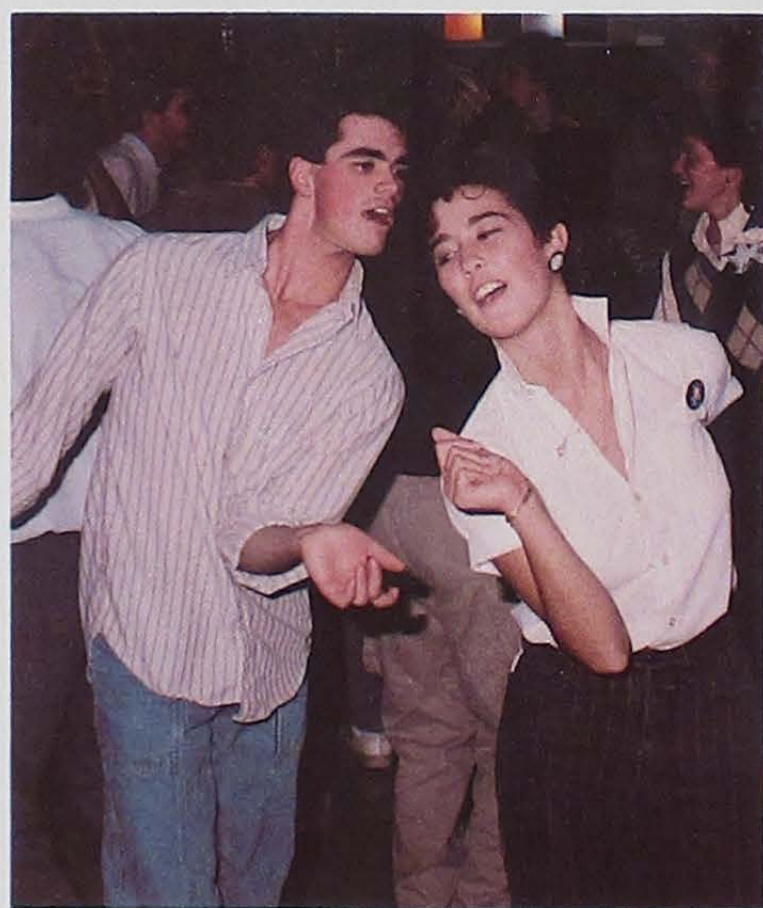
SIGNING UP. Junior Lisa Mannes registers for a second semester English class. Because of computer scheduling students registered for fall and spring semester classes together. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

SUMMER ATHLETES. Mr. Mike Wittmer, Mr. Harlan Dubansky, and Mr. Mike Hillmer await the start of the Big Creek Triathlon. (Photo by Julie Dubansky)



LOOKS GREEK TO ME. On Tuesday of Homecoming Week it was not uncommon to see many "toga-ed" students wandering the halls. Juniors Paul Gregorac, Dave White and senior Mariella Vander Gaast rest on the senior rail between classes. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

NECTAR AND AMBROSIA? Dressed as a Greek goddess, senior Cathy Lynott displays her spirit for Toga Day. (Photo by Barb Farrar)



Special days prompt spirit

From "Favorite Iowan Day," Monday, September 24, to the football game on Friday night, students had many opportunities to show their school spirit for Homecoming week.

Homecoming week came to a close with the football game against the highly ranked Roosevelt Roughriders. Ames High won with a score of 28-27.

Student Council planned dress-up days for each day of the week, including such themes as, "Beach Day," "Toga Day," "Punk day," and "Orange and Black day."

"Beating a good team like Roosevelt helped put everyone into a good mood before the dance," said sophomore Will Showers.

BACK IN TIME. Many students asked Ames High graduates to the Homecoming Dance. Junior Katy Magee and Alumnus Rob Compton boogie to the sounds of Movin' Music. (Photo by Doug Lastine)

After the game, most students chose to attend the Homecoming Dance held in the cafeteria. Senior Mark Kernan summed up Homecoming activities in three words, "What a week!"

BREAK A LEG. During the Homecoming Dance junior Harry Laudencia demonstrates his dancing skills. (Photo by Doug Lastine)

WHERE'S THE BEACH? Posing in their surfing garb, senior Christina Baratta and sophomore Sandy Keenan show off their beach spirit. (Photo by Barb Farrar)





Farrar, Hill named royalty

The Homecoming pep band played to a full house at the coronation festivities. Despite the absence of a bonfire, students, alumni, teachers, and parents all attended the ceremony to find out who was the next homecoming king and queen.

They found out soon enough as Mr. Bill Enquist read off the names, Barb Farrar and Jerry Hill, as King and Queen. The rest of the Homecoming Court consisted of Chris Benson, Jenny Bower, Molly Craft, Mark Criner, Stacy Dalton, Bob Devens, Marty Kiser, Laurie Lutz, Jenny Pasley and Bret Posegate.

Afterwards, instead of the usual bonfire, students proceeded to the gymnasium for a free concert by the band, *Sniper*. Students had mixed feelings about the evening. "*Sniper* was swell, but the coronation was kind of goofy," said junior Josh Lorr.

Senior Janet Wisner felt, "For a free dance, there wasn't any danceable music. At the bonfires everyone had had more school spirit, during *Sniper* we all just stood around."

Although some of the juniors and seniors were bored during coronation, many of the sophomores were impressed by the ceremony. Sophomore Steve Hoiberg said, "It gave me an idea of who I should respect in the senior class."

THE HOMECOMING COURT. The Homecoming Court includes seniors: Bret Posegate, Jenny Bower, Mark Criner, Stacy Dalton, Chris Benson, Jenny Pasley, Jerry Hill, Bob Devens, Barb Farrar, Marty Kiser, Molly Craft and Laurie Lutz who was unable to attend the ceremony. (Photo by Dorothy Gugel)

QUEENY-KINGY TYPES. Taking their places on stage, seniors Barb Farrar and Jerry Hill receive the title of Homecoming King and Queen. (Photo by Dorothy Gugel)

HEY DUDES! Sophomore Dan Knight gives a wave in mid-dance. (Photo by Doug Lastine)



EVENTS
September

Mondale, Zaccaro

Democrats urge students to vote

The visit from Ted Mondale and John Zaccaro on Monday, September 10, brought an auditorium filled with eager ears to hear the sons of the Democratic candidates. It also brought excitement in just being able to meet them.

Students asked questions regarding the political views of the speakers' parents, Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro. The sons presented their parents' beliefs on taxes, nuclear weapons, war in South America and the legal drinking age.

Junior Terry Faden said, "I met Ted Mondale last year through political campaigning for his father. He is an excellent orator. John Zaccaro had some good things to say also. Both men stressed what I see as the most important factor in this election — the youth — we need to take part."

The assembly gathered interested students and faculty members from both parties, to ask questions or give their own opinions on the subjects being discussed.

Jenny Bower said, "I thought Ted did a good job of expressing and defending some important points to us, the youth of America. It made me feel important to have such famous people come to talk at lil' ol' Ames High."

DISCUSSING. Ted Mondale discusses his father's political platform with sophomore, Kirk Goodwin. (Photo by Barb Farrar)



VOTE FOR MOM. John Zaccaro speaks to the student body about the Democratic platform. Mondale and Zaccaro campaigned for their parents, Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro.





Fleener, Stenberg win by five votes

The results of the student council election gave us Tom Fleener and Dave Stenberg as the co-presidential winners.

Fleener and Stenberg took a new approach to the election. While four other parties had eight or nine planks, Fleener and Stenberg had one: "Give the people what they want." Fleener and Stenberg ran for election with the concept that after the election, people would suggest projects and activities for student council.

Tom said, "We will do our best to fol-

low through on the tradition of excellence at Ames High."

Tom and Dave did win, but not without controversy.

The election was very close. The Fleener/Stenberg ticket won by five votes over the second place team and nine over the third.

CO-PRESIDENTS. Co-presidents Tom Fleener and Dave Stenberg address the student body on homecoming. After that the homecoming court was announced. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

HELPFUL. Supporters, Dave White and Erin Andersen show how good you'll look if you vote for seniors, John Kim and Julie Ford. (Photo by Barb Farrar)



Students raise over \$12,000 in fall Fund Drive

The Activities Fund Drive was a big success. It gave students a chance to work for the support of school activities. Selling activity tickets door to door, the students raised \$12,339. The money went to school-sponsored events.

Tom Jorgensen, activities director for Ames High, felt that the fund drive was a chance for students to realize the cost of school activities. Mr. Jorgensen noted that students benefitted more this year due to a larger treasury — an additional fifteen hundred dollars were collected in 1984.

The money raised went right back to the students in the form of new uniforms, equipment and other accessories that were needed for the particular activities.

Senior Bob Smithson added: "I feel we also profited by informing the public of the many activities at Ames High through the Fund Drive."

Senior Natasha Wilson agreed with Smithson and said she felt that the community as a whole profited.

HANDOUTS. Mr. Gartz hands Jeni Reick her Fund Drive assignment. Many students went door-to-door selling activity tickets. (Photos by Ames Tribune)

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IN THE HUDDLE. During practice seniors Jenny Pasley, Susan Mann, Jane Derks, Tami O'Neal, Rich Humphrey, and Marsha Sunstrom go over the basic responsibilities of the line. The seniors won the Powder Puff game 28-16. (Photo by Vel Randic)

Powder Puff meant fun, funds

On Friday, October 26, the sophomore-junior "Body Bruisers" clashed with the senior girls. Gang fights? No, Powder Puff football.

Girls from all three grades, coached by senior members of the football team, took to the field to play football and raise money.

The game was sponsored by the Senior Girls' Club and money raised from admission to the game went towards the Winter Formal. The game was won by the senior team, 28-16.

Reasons for going out for Powder Puff varied. When asked why she went out, junior Rita Hiemes said, "I love football." Though most just went out for fun, there were other reasons. One

senior said, describing the senior team, "They used it as a time for revenge. They really wanted to hurt some girls."

People also had different ideas on how serious the game should have been. Junior Abby Sage said, "It was just for fun; a lot of girls quit because it wasn't taken seriously enough."

Senior Matt Carney, a coach of the sophomore-junior team said of his team, "They took it seriously; they just didn't know how to go out and hit somebody."

Senior Jamie Folkmann said, "There aren't that many sports at Ames High that you can go out for where everyone plays." She added that it was fun just to get all the senior girls together.



SPIRIT TAKES SECOND. Senior Brenda Plakans accepts the second place award for fall year-books at the Iowa High School Press association conference at I.S.U. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)





Parents go back to school

"Open house was an opportunity for teachers to tell parents their plans for the semester or year," commented vice-principal Bill Ripp, referring to the event held Tuesday, October 2. Approximately 1000 parents attended Parents' Back-to-School Night.

Parents followed abbreviated schedules, going to their children's classes for ten-minute periods. During this time teachers spoke of such things as class expectations and grading systems.

Many teachers said that they felt the evening was a success.

"I was impressed by the number of parents that showed up, even though there were several other conflicts that

KID'S TALK. A parent listens attentively to his child's teacher. Parents had a chance to have any of their questions answered during the session. (Photo by Tim Allen)

SHARING THE PLANS. English teacher Sigfrid Lybeck goes over a semester's agenda with a group of parents in their children's English literature class. (Photo by Tim Allen)



night," said French teacher Nancy Johnson. "It was nice to get to know some of the parents and let them know what was going on in the classroom."

An admissions officer and financial aid officer were in the auditorium and media center to answer parents' questions concerning their college-bound children.

Parents also had a chance to visit with the guidance counselors and the school nurse, who were in the cafeteria all evening.

Student council members acted as guides in the parking lot and the halls, and helped serve refreshments in the cafeteria.

"I felt that it was a good way for my parents to see exactly what goes on here at Ames High," commented senior Jenny Bradshaw, and added, "Also, when I complain about teachers they'll know who I'm talking about and why I'm complaining."



SOCIAL BREAK. Mrs. Tallman and Mrs. Christianson take time to visit before their children's class begins. (Photo by Tim Allen)



TRICK OR TREAT. Senior Julie Orth offers candy to some trick or treaters. Although most high school students no longer went trick or treating, many helped at the door. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)

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Play draws large crowd

The drama department kicked off this year by putting on the production "The Warrior's Husband", a Greek comedy, on November 6, 7, 8.

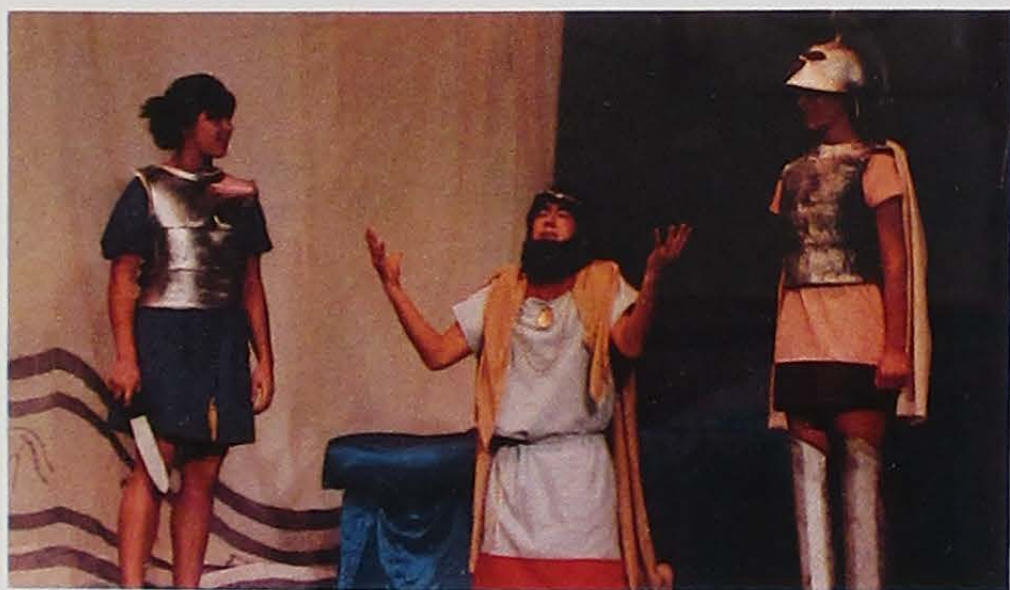
The production seemed to be a big hit for the first play of the year. Junior Jenny Evans, who portrayed Buria, said, "It was a big success and everyone in it enjoyed being involved."

"The Warrior's Husband" had two main plots, both centering around the problems that romance caused between Amazons and Greeks. The play also had many roles which needed to be filled- over forty. Julie Ford, who played Hippolyta, said, "It was nice to work with such a large cast, and to get to know the sophmores who like to act."

According to Director Wayne Hansen, "the comedy was not only fun for the audiences, but also enjoyable for the actors and actresses."

WHO'S CHASING WHOM? In "The Warrior's Husband", Antiope, played by junior Heather Selman, tries to seduce Sapiens, played by senior John Lee. In the play the women were the dominant sex. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)

HELPLESS ME. Trying to get his new wife, Hippolyta, played by senior Julie Ford, to pay attention to him, Sapiens, played by John Lee, gets down on his knees. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)



GETTING THE TREATMENT. Baby food is fed to Sophomore Kim Briley by senior Dana Seehafer at a pep assembly. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

PEPPED UP. Winter cheerleader, senior Lori Van-Sickle, dresses up for the pep assembly to help fire up the students. Cheerleaders always chose a theme for the pep assemblies and dressed accordingly. (Photo by Barb Farrar)





New mural in courtyard

The school got a facelift for the first time in ten years, when the mural in the courtyard was replaced by a new one painted by senior Missy Goll.

The mural cost a total of \$160, and took approximately seven weeks to complete. Goll received financial help from the student council, who donated \$60 to go towards paint and wood to keep the mural from weathering. She also got help from art teacher Dorothy Gugel and other art students. This help included: choosing paint colors, paint the boards and moving the boards after they had dried.

Goll said, "It went a lot faster with the help of students." She added, "it was worth the time and effort that went into it."

A NEW CHANGE. The colorful mural designed by Mellisa Goll was put up in the court yard to replace the old one. (Photo by Vel Randic)



SPIRIT, DECA attend conventions

Little Rock, Arkansas was the site of the annual fall National High School Press Association conference. 20 **SPIRIT** AND **Web** staffers attended the conference along with 1,500 students from other states.

At the convention several staffers competed in nation-wide contests. Senior Patty Huss won Honorable Mention in advertising, senior Karen Koellner won Honorable Mention in section design and senior Brenda Plakans placed third in broadcasting.

DECA also took a trip in November. They went to Bismark, North Dakota for the Central Regional Conference. Approximately 13 states, with 2,000 students, attended the conference.

DECA coordinator Darill Abel said, "Attending a national conference like that was good experience for everyone. Listening to the outstanding speakers and hearing about business opportunities taught a lot about the business world."

AMATEUR SMUGGLERS. Since the hotel managers would not allow pizza into the rooms, senior Dan Emmerson sneaks pizza into the room by suitcase. (Photo by Devika Seecharran)



BEACH BUMS. Dancing on a Friday night are seniors Kevin James, Shawn Connolly, and Sonya Powers. The theme was the Beach Ball Dance, sponsored by the winter cheerleaders (Photo by Vel Randic)

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Reagan gets thumbs up for second term

Ferraro first woman vice-presidential candidate, Reagan wins AHS vote by one.

The 1984 presidential election generated much interest nationally and within Ames High.

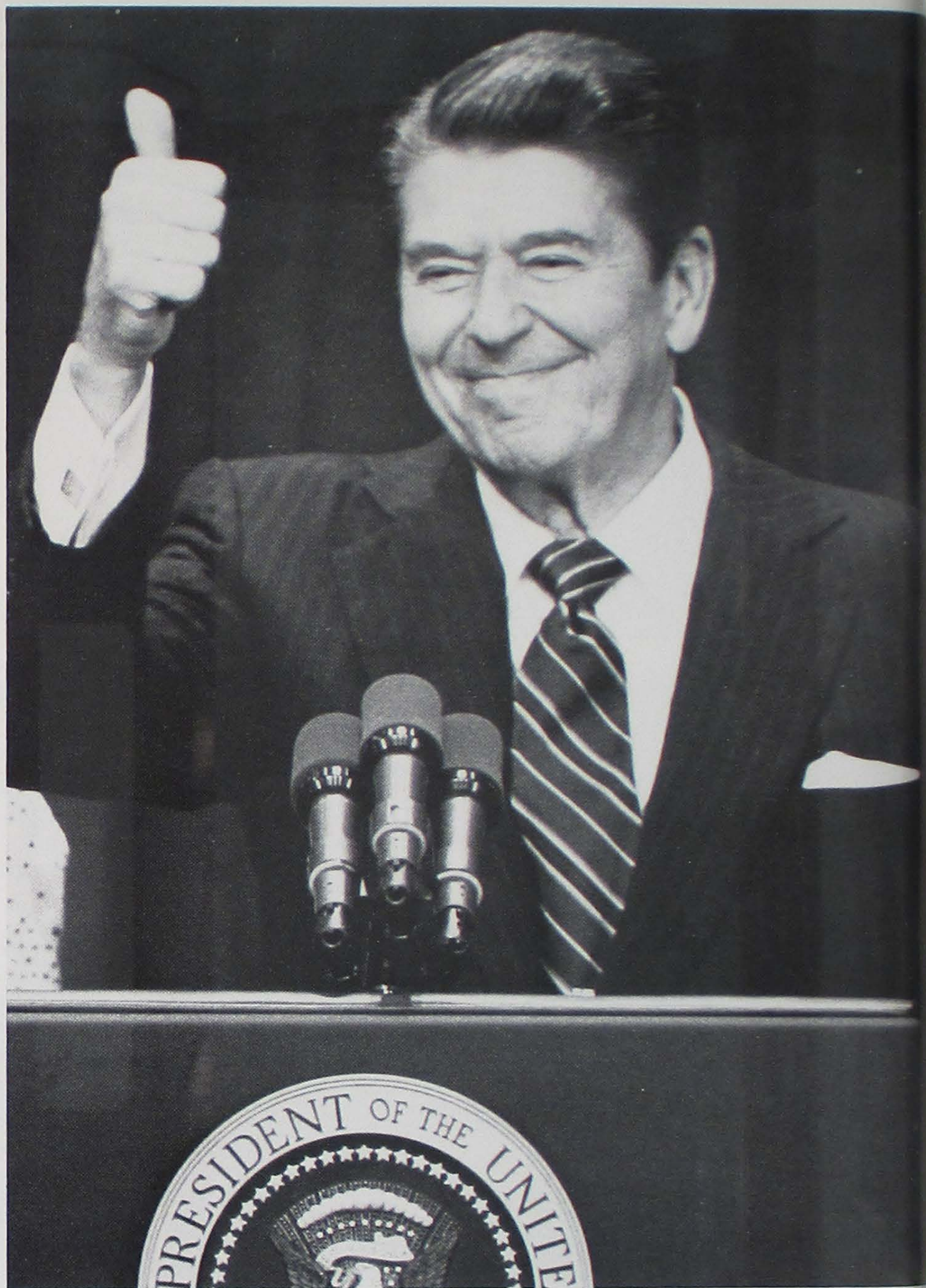
President Ronald Reagan won nationally by one of the largest landslide victories ever in a presidential election contrary to the mock election the *Web* staff conducted where Reagan won by just a whisker, 522-521. At school, Reagan was consistent in winning all grades, but Mondale topped the staff vote.

Senior Brenda Pedigo said, "I was more interested in the election this year because I worked for the Republican Party for government. I felt Reagan did a great job first term and could keep improving our economy."

A special interest in the election of 1984 was that for the first time, a woman, Geraldine Ferraro, was included on the Democratic ticket.

THUMBS UP FOR RON. With a thumb in the air Ronald Reagan smiles because of his victory for a second term of the presidency. Many Ames High students supported the election by volunteering their time for credit in government class. (AP Laser Photo)

FRITZ SPEAKS OUT. Democratic candidate Walter Mondale speaks to a group of lowans at Nolan Plaza in Des Moines. Many students attended, from Ames. (Photo by Tim Allen)



FASHION FOR FUNDS. A fall fashion show raised money for the winter formal. Senior Sean McNunn and Junior Bill Norris model hunting gear. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)

LISTENING TO MOM. Baby Fae listens to her mother's voice over a telephone, just 13 days after the three and one-half week old infant's historic heart transplant. (AP Laser Photo)





NCA evaluates the school

Everybody at one time or another must be subjected to it-Ames High was no exception.

As a member of the NCA, National Collegiate Association, the school must undergo a curriculum evaluation every seven years.

Educators from other schools, all of which are members of the NCA, made up the examination (or review) committee. The committee's procedure was to go through the curriculum with the Ames High teachers and make suggestions about what could be done to improve the selection of courses and to strengthen them.

LISTENING ATTENTIVELY. Industrial education teacher, Jerrald Swenson, listens to what an NCA official has to say.

To prepare for the review, Ames High began a self-study program that lasted three years. The study reviewed the curriculum, with special attention to required courses. Then, a model of the curriculum was presented to NCA officials.

The officials began their evaluation on November 20. Then, teachers discussed what improvements could be made.

Math department coordinator Mrs. Marilyn Hanson pointed out that this wasn't the type of exam that could be passed or failed. "It's getting an outside opinion on what can be done to improve the Ames High system of education, and that's important," she said.



The Boss is back

The tour of "The Boss" became the most talked about music event of 1984. Bruce Springsteen and his E-Street Band returned to Hilton Coliseum on his 1984 tour. Plain, simple hard-rock for more than four hot hours clinched the attention of all the fans in Ames and throughout the United States.

"I loved it! I got to sit in the sixth row that made it so much fun. It was the best concert I've been to," said sophomore Stacy Morrison.

Unless you could afford to pay scalpers for highly over-priced tickets, they were hard to come by. A few hours after the opening day of sales, all the tickets were sold out.

No glitter gloves, not a single pair of spats, and no fancy light show. Bruce Springsteen came across clearly without gimmicks. He put on a down-to-earth, smashing concert showing why he, and he alone, was "The Boss."



BORN IN THE U.S.A. Singing the theme song from his hot 1984 album, Bruce Springsteen proves that his second time around in Ames is even better than his first. (AP Laser Photo)

ON TO STATE. These 9 people made the State Music festival in November. Front row: Abigail Sage, Erica Fuchs, Jenny Messenger. Back row: Andy Miller, Mark Oakland, Craig Stroup. Not Pictured: Sonya Powers, Lara Hill, Nancy Gamon. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

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After-Formal party held at Union

Dancing, games, bowling, pool, and prizes were offered to all who attended the after-formal party at the Memorial Union. The party was sponsored by the Parents Together organization. The group sponsored an alcohol-free after-prom party during the 83-84 school year that had been such a success, that they decided to do it again.

"I thought the dance at the after-formal party was better than the dance at the formal," said Senior Amy Myers.

Prizes given away included pizzas, T-shirts, and a portable cassette player won by sophomore Jodi Richard.

"It was really nice of the parent committee to put it on, the radio is great," Richard said.

AFTER-FORMAL BOWLING. The Memorial Union lanes were open to students after the formal. Senior Becky Bishop looks to see if it's her turn. (Photo by Vel Randic)

KEEPING SCORE. Sitting around the scoring table are Janelle Hall, Kevin Wobig, and Donna Rowe. Parents Together sponsored the alcohol-free party. (Photo by Vel Randic)



SWINGING SUSAN. Sitting on a swing over the sea, senior Susan Colwell enjoys the Jamaican breeze. Many students took vacations over winter break. (Photo courtesy of Susan Colwell)

Christmas Formal name changed

On December 29, students got all spiffed up for the first-ever Winter Formal, at the Memorial Union. In the past, each year there was a Christmas Formal sponsored by the Senior Girl's Club. The 1984 dance was sponsored in part by the school, and therefore it could not have a religious affiliation.

Following tradition, girls asked guys to the dance and most girls took their dates to dinner before attending the dance.

"I think it's a good idea to have the girls ask the guys because the guys have to ask for all of the other dances," said senior Shaun Connolly.

Tickets for the event were eight dollars a piece. The money raised from the tickets helped pay for refreshments,

decorating, renting the room, and the band.

Overall, however, the student body was dissatisfied in the band.

"Everything was fine except for the band," said senior Lori Green. "You couldn't really dance to them."

It wasn't necessarily the Winter Formal itself that excited students, but all of the festivities that went along with them. These included renting tuxes, buying dresses, corsages, dinner, and of course, all of the parties after the formal.

Senior Craig Kinrade said, "The best part of the formal was everything afterwards."



ROLE REVERSAL. Unlike Prom, girls asked guys to the Winter Formal. Junior Nancy Herriot escorts classmate Tim Hughes to the dance. (Photo by Vel Randic)

Mistletoe madness increases attendance at dance

The mistletoe was plentiful and so was the kissing at the year's most popular school party, the mistletoe dance.

Mistletoe was handed out upon admission to the event, which was a fundraiser for the student council.

"It's the most fun of all the dances, because the mistletoe dance has more people than any of the other dances . . . and it has mistletoe!" said senior Michelle Johnston.

"It's fun, and you can usually find a date to the Winter Formal," said junior Jenny Netusil.

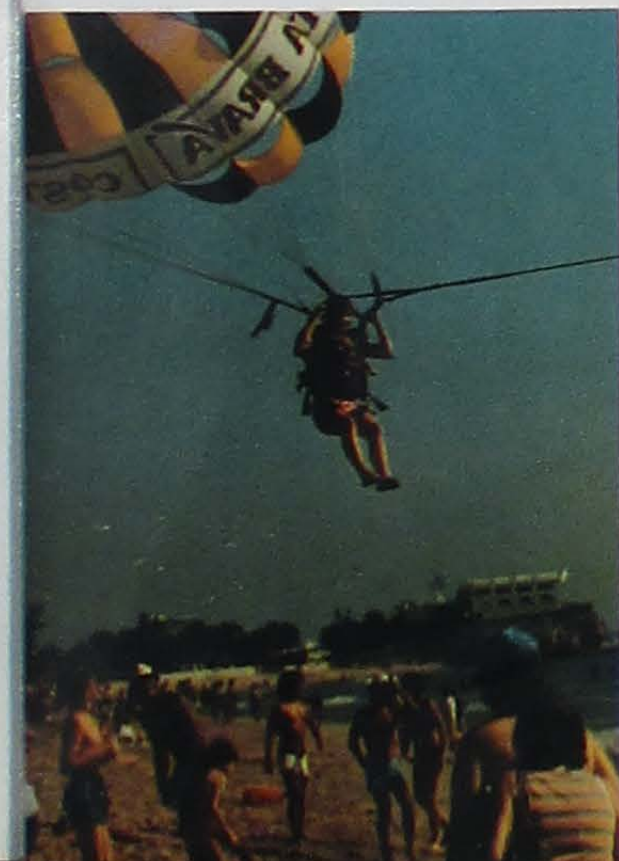
Things calmed down a little as the night grew old. "Towards the end of the night, people started dancing more," said junior Cathy Stidwell.

DANCING IT UP. The Winter Formal offers a good opportunity to dance. Sophomore Robbie Martin doesn't pass up the chance. (Photo by Vel Randic)

FOREIGN FLAVOR. The 1984 mistletoe dance had a foreign flavor to it. Heidi Mansnerus, an exchange student from Finland dances with a student from Spain. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)



UP, UP, AND AWAY. Parasailing gives senior Nancy Ostendorf a chance to check out the beach. Her family spent winter vacation in Mexico. (Photo courtesy of Nancy Ostendorf)



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Soloist shine at concert

The music department held its annual Mid-Winter Concert on December 17. Featured groups were the Concert Band, Orchestra and the Concert Choir.

The Concert Band, directed by Homer Gartz, began the evening with three songs.

Directed by Richard McCoy, the Orchestra then performed their own renditions of three songs.

The Concert Choir wrapped up the night with five songs that featured soloists. Among these soloists were juniors Nancy Gamon and Dave White, and seniors Jayne Shaffer, Ann Yates and Susan Thompson. "It was an honor to be picked to sing a solo. Overall, I think that it was the best concert of the year," said Shaffer.

SINGING ALONG. During the Sophomore chorus concert Diana Forbes, Shantel Keigley and Amy Horner sing together in perfect key. (Photo by Vel Randic)

KEEPING TIME. During a rehearsal Mr. Al Wiser directs the chorus. The final rehearsals before a concert were helpful in putting finishing touches on pieces. (Photo by Vel Randic)



LICORICE STICKS. During the Varsity Band concert junior J.J. Kaufman follows along in the music. (Photo by Vel Randic)

HUNGER HITS HARD. A starving African child sits with others waiting for rations at Maheville. Citizens of Iowa raised over one half million dollars under the Iowa Cares program for the starving Ethiopian people. (Photo by AP Laser Photo)





Soup's on for all

The winter cold weather brought a new addition to the Ames High cafeteria. While many people still used the express lane, hot lunch line, or bought ice cream, some students and teachers changed over to the new soup line.

The soup line attendance each day ranged from seven to sixteen students and faculty. There was usually one choice of soup. The soups selected from were tomato, chicken noodle, potato, cream of broccoli, clam chowder and vegetable.

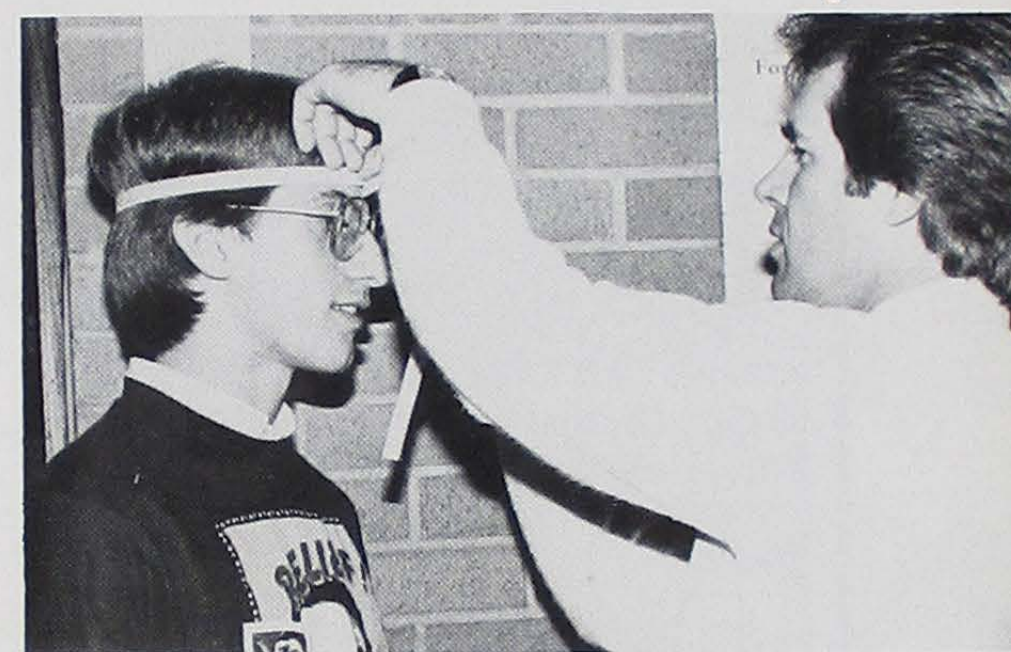
Kathy Nervig, the Foods Director at Ames High said, "Since there was such a low attendance at the soup line, there had been some re-evaluating of the line, to see if it was a good idea."

SOUP DE JOUR. The soup line was a new addition to the cafeteria. Sophomore Laurie Herman dishes out a hot bowl of chicken noodle. (Photo by Vel Randic)

Seniors plan for graduation

During second semester, most seniors looked forward to making graduation plans. They posed for senior pictures and looked forward to the parties. But what most seniors didn't think about as part of graduation plans was the measuring of caps and gowns.

The Senior Senate selected the colors, of the gowns, that the seniors could choose from. The colors were navy blue, light blue, newport blue, maroon, black and red. The final color chosen was newport blue. Senior Tiffany Throckmorton said, "Measuring for caps and gowns was pretty exciting but they should have measured when more people had free time like before school, instead of during classes." She added, "But I am really looking forward to graduation."



HEADING FOR THE FUTURE. On blue card day, senior Mark Oakland is measured by a Josten's representative for his cap and gown. (Photo by Vel Randic)

SENIORS GROW UP. Blue ticket day required all seniors to pay for senior fees and be measured for caps and gowns. Mike Ropps, is measured for the newport blue gown. (Photo by Vel Randic)

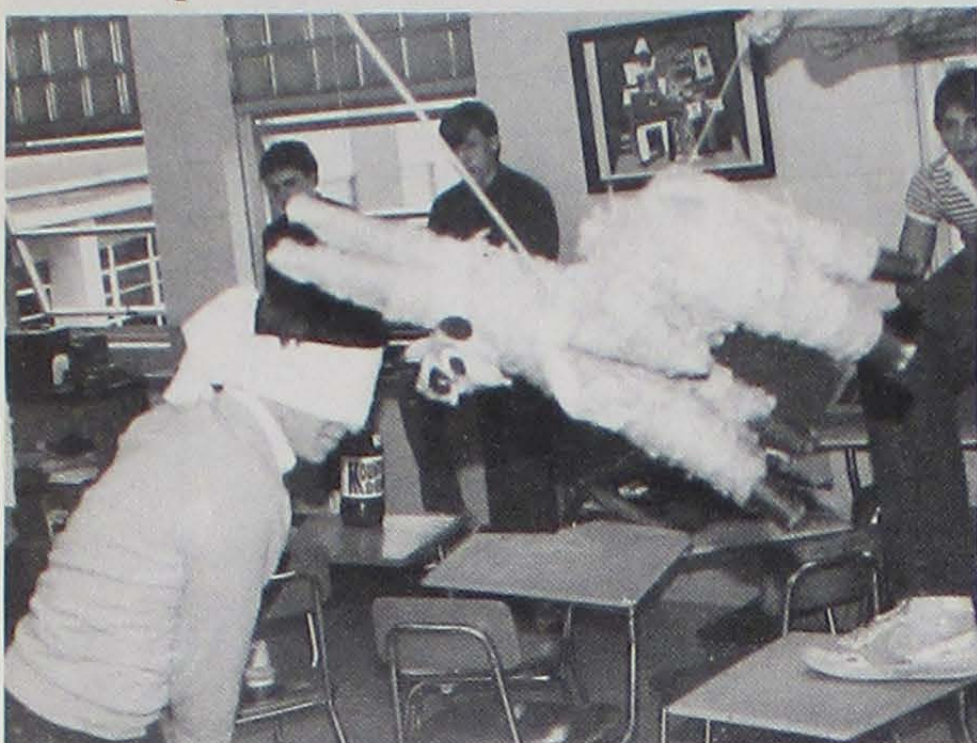


PRIMA BALLERINA. Many hours of rehearsal during the summer and fall went into the production of the Nutcracker. Junior Katy Magee dances her role of a snowflake in the ballet. (Photo by Erin Andersen)

TWINKLE TOES. Keeping on her toes, senior Natasha Wilson dances in the Nutcracker. (Photo by Erin Andersen)

CLIMB ON UP Receiving candy for correct answers, sophomore Amy Horner and student teacher Zile Clozins, of Germany, answer German grammar questions. (Photo by Vel Randic)

ONE MORE TRY Junior Tony Harris tries his luck at breaking a piniata in first year Spanish. Foreign language parties were an entertaining way for students to learn about culture. (Photo by Jim Rougvie)



Parties add cultural flair

Christmas brought an opportunity for foreign language classes to learn about holiday customs in other countries.

In Spanish classes students studied Spain's Christmas traditions in the last couple weeks before break. They learned vocabulary pertaining to the Spanish holiday season. In some classes, this lead up to the breaking of a piniata at a Christmas party. The upper level classes sang Spanish Christmas carols and ate traditional Spanish foods.

Several of the French classes also had Christmas parties. Students received handouts on French Christmas customs. The advanced classes sang French carols. Students in one class prepared a *Buche de Noel* (a French Christmas log) for party refreshments.

"It was nice to try something that tasted French, even if it didn't look French," said senior Jeff Fetters.

The German classes also learned about Christmas culture. Before entering the candlelit, decorated German room, students were asked to remove one shoe. The shoes were returned filled with candy or coals, following a German Christmas tradition. In class students sang German Christmas carols. To highlight the occasion, one student dressed up as Saint Nikolas and took students on his lap. He asked them questions in German and if they answered correctly they received candy.

"The German party was, well, different than an American party," said sophomore Lia Plakans, and added "I liked the candy."

In general, students felt that foreign language parties were a fun way to learn about the holidays in other lands.

SING-A-LONG. Sharing music with a resident, juniors Juenny Netusil and Laura Thompson sing Christmas carols. (Photo by Dana Seehafer.)



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Volunteers share holiday joy

For the past dozen years, Ames High volunteers had sponsored a Christmas party for nursing home residents.

On December 12, approximately 150 volunteers and Mr. Al Wiser's pops choir participated in parties held at Riverside Manor, Northcrest Care Center, and Wilson Elder Center.

To start out the program, the pops choir gave a performance. Then, the volunteers sang Christmas carols, which led to a sing-a-long for everyone. To conclude the party, students visited with the residents and gave them gifts.

To liven up the party, junior Bobby Metzger played the role of Santa Claus. Senior Rich Holst and junior Dave Stokka acted as Santa's elves.

"We had more Christmas spirit this year," said senior volunteer, Chuck Arnold. "Everyone gave a lot," he added.

Everything went as planned, and coordinator Mr. Dale Tramp felt the Christmas parties were a success.

Junior Kris Cakerice agreed. "The residents really seemed to appreciate us being there."



HOI HOI HOI Santa Claus (junior Bobby Metzger) spreads the Christmas spirit at the nursing home. Approximately 150 volunteers attended the party. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)



MUSIC MAKERS. A nursing home resident and junior Jenny Ferris participate in a sing-a-long. The pops choir also gave a performance. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)

PORTABLE POWER UNIT. Standing in his hospital room, William J. Schroeder hangs on to his 11 pound mechanical heart. This was the first day Schroeder was able to move around. (Photo by AP Laser)



Debate helps decide election

The decision of who to vote for in the second semester student council elections, might have been made easier thanks to a debate held the day before the election.

The top three teams, consisted of seniors Chris Benson, Jenny Bower, and Lori VanSickle; Tom Fleener and Bret Pose-

ON THE SPOT. Candidates were forced to think of quick answers during the debate. Junior Harry Laudencia and Mark Kernan answer a question asked by Web Staff members. (Photo by Lisa Huber.)

ASKING QUESTIONS. Questions for the debate were asked by Web Editor Alissa Kaplan and Associate Editor Jeff Fetters. (Photo by Lisa Huber.)



gate; and Mark Kernan and junior Harry Laudencia. They answered questions from Web editor Alissa Kaplan, and associate editor Jeff Fetters. Then each team was given five minutes for closing remarks.

Having a debate during school was a good idea, "because more people could hear about the teams that were running, since there were so many, and people could vote for the plans instead of the people they knew," said VanSickle.

THE FINAL WINNERS. When the votes were counted the team of Chris Benson, Lori VanSickle, and Jenny Bower had won. (Photo by Lisa Huber.)



Last finals for seniors

As dreams became nightmares full of algebra books, students knew finals were approaching. Many, except seniors, would face the same frights the following year.

The seniors looked back at finals with a smile. Senior Bob Devens said, "This year I was used to taking finals and it wasn't too hard. I feel pretty good that they're over."

For some seniors, these were the last finals unless they planned to go on to college. The system used for finals at

Ames High needed revisions, according to the seniors. Mike Hemme said, "The time set aside for each exam in too long and certain electives shouldn't have finals."

When asked about college finals, senior Karen Christenson said, "Finals should be tougher but they will be in classes I have chosen so studying won't be such a burden."

Whatever the future brought, whether it was college or Ames High, finals were a fact of life.

CONTEMPLATING. During finals, senior Vel Randic concentrates on his exam. This was the last semester seniors took finals at Ames High. (Photo by Ann Scott.)

PERFORMING AGAIN. Sharing his talents, junior J.J. Kaufman gives a concert at the Upstairs. Dave Kowaleski and Eric Fawcett also played in his trio. (Photo by Barb Farrar)



January's



Alisa Black goes to teen pageant

Students all over Ames tuned in their television sets January 22, to see senior Alisa Black, Miss Teen Iowa, vie for the Miss Teen USA title. Although most students looked at it as being just a lot of fun, it was really hard work.

"It wasn't all fun and games," Black said. "They really kept us moving." During her three weeks in Florida rehearsing for the pageant, it wasn't unusual to have practice eight to ten hours a day.

And, although she received \$5000 in cash and prizes, there was more than just the rewards. "The best part was the people we got to meet and work with. They were all really fantastic," she said.

Some of the people Alisa was able to work with included Lorenzo Lamas, Lisa Hartman, *Kool and the Gang*, and the Solid Gold Dancers.

NEWFOUND FRIENDS. During her three-week stay in Florida, senior Alisa Black met many people. Black became good friends with Miss Colorado. (Photo courtesy of Alisa Black)

MEETING THE STARS. Being in the Miss Teen U.S.A. Pageant gives Alisa Black the chance to meet Lisa Hartman. She also met many other stars. (Photo courtesy of Alisa Black.)



AT THE M-SHOP. Warming up at the Maintenance Shop is Neil Moran-Guevera of Shangoya. Many reggae acts played in Ames during the year. (Photo by Steve Rhoades)

SUCH A MESS. Assistant girls' basketball coach, Rick Ballentina recovers from a pie in his face courtesy of the girls' team after they scored 55 points against D.M. Dowling. (Photo by Dana Seehofer)

Casting crucial to 'David and Lisa'

"David and Lisa", the story of two emotionally stressed teenagers living in a mental institution, entertained over 300 people on January 17, 18, 19.

The performances were well attended and turned out to be a big success. Mr. Wayne Hansen, the drama sponsor, saw the movie "David and Lisa" on television two years ago and thought it would be a good production for a high school cast.

The casting proved to be a key element in the play's success. Junior Katy Magee, who played Lisa, had dance experience that helped with the flowing movement of Lisa's character. Both characters, David (played by Chris Fuqua) and Lisa were mentally disturbed, but they were able to overcome their

problems together.

Sophomore Polly Stromely, the student director of the play, said, "It was fun working with such a talented cast. When it came to performance nights it was worth all the hard work put into it when you know the audience enjoyed it."

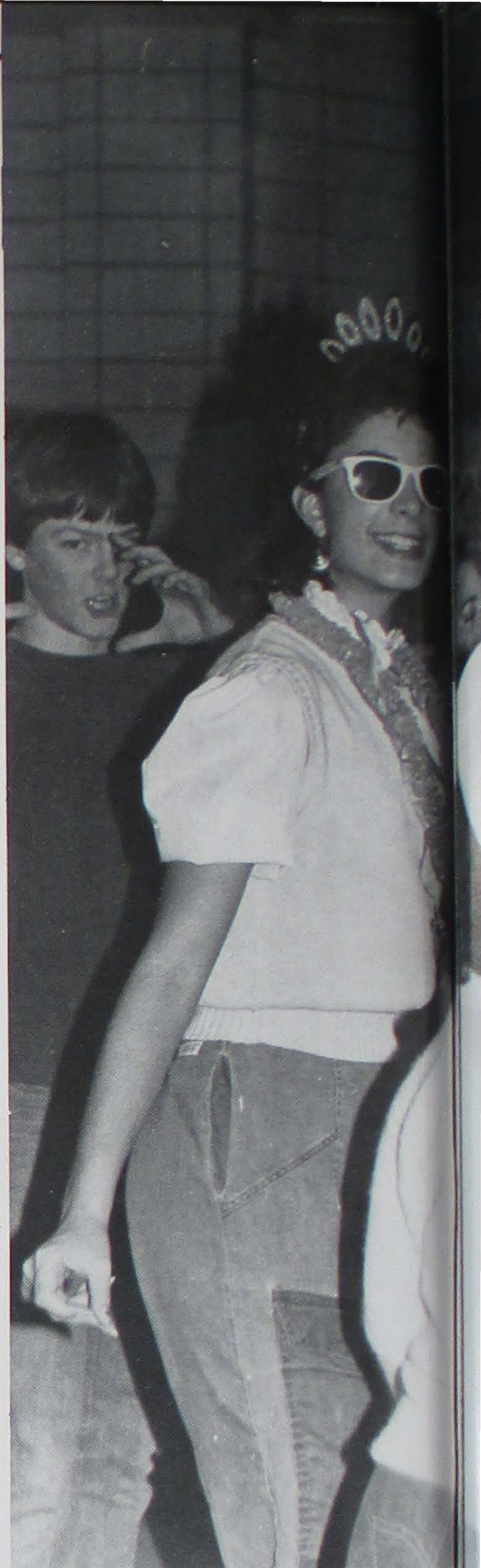
Sophomore Jo Ann Peter said, "I thought the whole cast did an excellent job performing. The play was a good choice for an Ames High production. The characters in the play were just like the ones in the movie."

CHILD'S PLAY. A frustrated Lisa (junior Katy Magee), pulls her hair as John (sophomore Kevin Wobig) tries to help her remember her name. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)



MIRROR IMAGE. During the dance show tryouts, juniors Carol Engstrom and Sara Thomas try to stay together, hoping to make it in one of the dances. (Photo by Amy Verhoven.)

TRY IT OUT. At the dance show tryouts, senior choreographer Susan Thompson shows others some of the dance steps. (Photo by Amy Verhoven.)



Dance brings in \$311 for Statue of Liberty restoration

Students took part in restoring the Statue of Liberty by attending a student council-sponsored dance held on January 18, 1985.

The 311 dollars raised by the dance were set aside as a part of the final donation to be sent in by October, 1985.

LADY LIBERTY. In honor of the Statue of Liberty, senior Kathy Knight and her friends dance at a Friday night dance to help in restoring "The Lady." (Photo by Eric Munson.)

"Being on student council, I felt that the Statue of Liberty dance was a good idea. Although the party was not as successful as we hoped, the people who attended had a good time and enjoyed themselves knowing that their money was going towards a national symbol," commented junior Lisa Tice.

"I think students wanted to be involved in the contributions so that's why we had a dance organized," said senior John Kim, Statue of Liberty committee chairman.

School commemorates King's B-day

Congress passed a bill making Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, January 15, a national holiday. Taking advantage of this opportunity, Counselor Clemmye Jackson organized an assembly in honor of King's birthday. Dr. Jackson said, "We do such little multi-cultural activities at Ames High, so this was a good chance to start on activity at the school."

Social Studies teacher Dick White a co-organizer of the assembly said, "We had the assembly so the students would appreciate what a fine man Martin Luther King was."

The speeches at the assembly were about King's letter from the Birmingham Jail and the march in Washington.

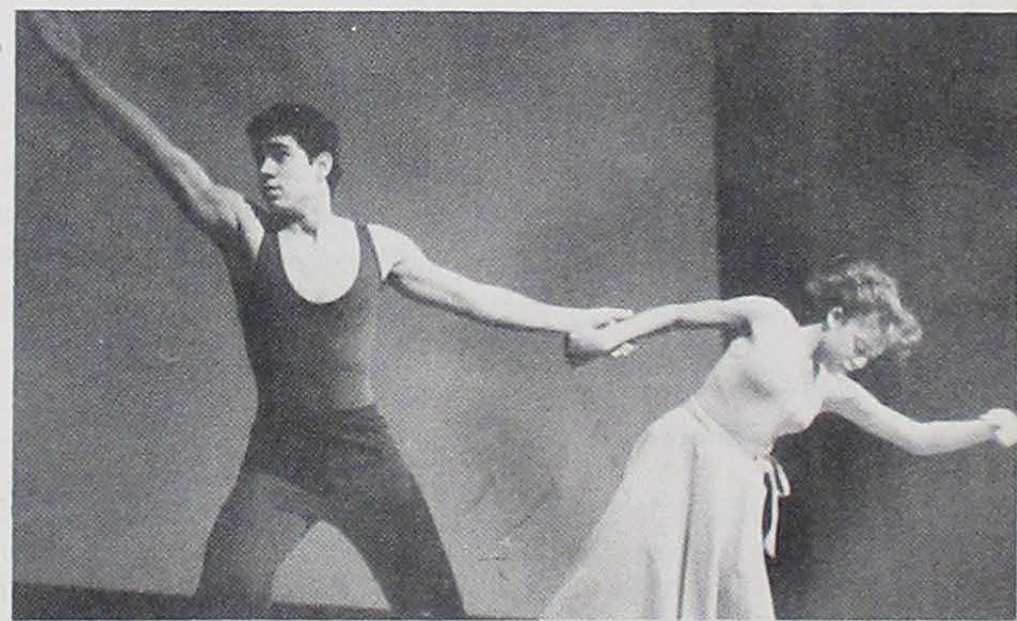
Sophomore Terri Jackson and juniors Katy Magee and Eric O'Berry performed dances during the assembly.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF KING. As part of the celebration, sophomore Terri Jackson and junior Eric O'Berry perform a dance in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)

Dr. Jackson said, "The dances were supposed to symbolize what blacks have always believed in - their heritage."

Senior Richie Chieves stated, "It was fun and a good experience, to help celebrate his birthday."

Dr. Jackson concluded, "I think the students got something out of the assembly, and I hope to see King's birthday celebrated in the school every year."



PRECIOUS TIME. Time is running out for junior Maggie Murphy as she works on her spread for the *Spirit* deadline. (Photo by Vel Randic.)



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Music fills February

February was filled with music, as five different concerts were performed by a variety of groups.

The orchestra, the concert and varsity bands, and the choir held concerts at the school, while Jazz I and II played at the ACTORS building. Jazz I also played at the Design Center.

The winter orchestra concert was the first of the month's events. The orchestra was joined by junior high orchestra students and a concerto for two flutes was featured. "It was kind of neat to have winds in the concert," said senior Tracy Frank. "We hadn't had winds with the orchestra this year."

Valentine's Day brought music from the concert and varsity bands. "It was probably one of our best concerts, because everyone liked the music," said senior Mark Andrews, a member of the concert band. The music included a John Phillips Souza march, and the William Tell Overture.

The next day, Jazz I played at the Design Center over the noon hour and both Jazz I and Jazz II played at ACTORS on February 26. "Everybody liked playing there," said senior Andy Miller of the ACTORS concert. "The people were right up next to us."

The month ended with the winter choral concert, which featured the sophomore choir singing with the junior-senior choir. "It was different because it doesn't happen very often; but it was fun," said junior Carrie Perkovich.

ALL DONE. After one of the many band concerts in February, sophomore Jenny Dolphin and junior Lisa Mannes pack up their instruments. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)



ENDANGERED SPECIES. The national media focused on Ames in February as a national farm crisis rally was held at Hilton Colliseum. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)



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February

Remembering Black History

This year some special things were done to celebrate Black History Month. This was unlike past years, when counselor Dr. Clemmye Jackson would visit history classes.

Among the activities planned by Dr. Jackson were an assembly and trivia questions announced over the P.A. system each morning.

The assembly included a guest speaker, Dr. George Jackson from Iowa State University, who spoke about the contributions of Blacks in American society. Several Iowa State students sang, sophomore Verda Davenport gave an oral presentation and other students performed a modern dance.

The trivia questions covered different actors, inventors and other famous Blacks who made their mark in history.

Many students participated in the fun. Prizes were awarded to the first people who could answer the question.

Students' reactions to the activities were positive. Sophomore Carrie Stover said, "The assembly pointed out certain blacks who haven't gotten credit for their achievements. It made me stop and think."

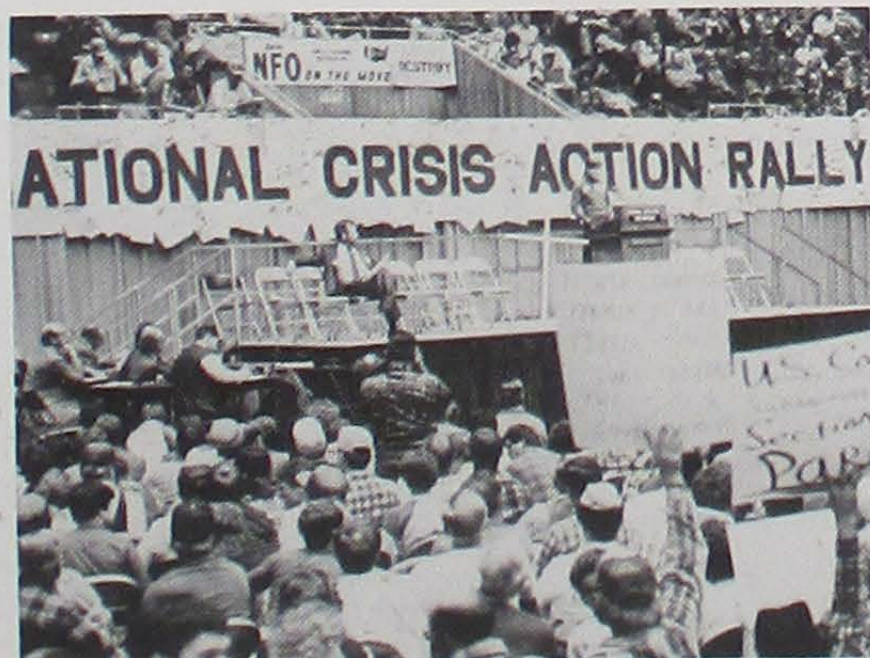
The purpose of Black History Month was to make students more aware of achievements that blacks have made. Sophomore Gina Thompson said "As a whole, I think it opened our eyes to what black history is all about."

BLACK HISTORY DANCE. In the Black History Month assembly, junior Sara Sweeney performs in a modern dance presentation. (Photo by Erik Munson)



DANCING IN REMEMBRANCE. Many students were involved in the Black History dance presentation. Mrs. Kautzky organized the dance. (Photo by Erik Munson.)

THE QUESTION IS . . . During Black History Month, sophomore Terri Jackson announced the trivia question of the day. (Photo by Erik Munson)



FARMERS UNITE. Farmers from all over the Midwest came to the rally in Ames to draw national attention to their problems. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

TAKING A BREAK. Several farmers at the farm rally take time out to talk with acquaintances. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)

One-Acts raise controversy

Ames was the only school in Iowa that gave seniors a chance to direct, cast, and write their own plays. Once again, Ames High presented the traditional senior-directed One-Acts, on February 21, 22, 23.

For some leads and many of the cast members acting in a play was a whole new experience. Having the plays student-directed was what created a more relaxed atmosphere which was appealing to students who didn't like the pressure of being in a regular play, or those who had never tried out before.

"It was the first time I had ever been in a play, I made so many new friends, I loved it," said senior Karen Brown who played the lead role in "Dentity Crisis", directed by Mike Pell.

The other plays included, "My Cup Ranneth Over" directed by Stephanie

Hanson, "God" directed by Julie Ford and "A Freak of Nature", written and directed by John Lee.

Lee's play about a girl born without lips, symbolically exaggerated a lack of communication between people. The play was well-liked by the audience and drama director, Wayne Hansen, believed it was good enough to be published.

Unfortunately, some people in the audience were offended by the humor in the One-Acts, and wrote letters to the editors of the *Ames Tribune*. For approximately one week letters were published each day commenting and criticizing programs at the school.

ROLE REVERSAL. In Mike Pell's play *Dentity Crisis* senior Amy Meyers and sophomore John Gottfried played each other's spouses. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)



Sweet success

The annual Sweetheart Dance was back in full flair and emphasized by a new twist. *Spirit* staff created new categories for awards that added to the highlight of the dance.

Class nominations consisted of some new categories for the awards. They received a positive reaction from the students. "I thought 'The Person with the Ugliest Car' category was a kill," said senior Jayne Showers.

Both were successful raising over \$600. Sophomore Maggie Lewis said, "It (the dance) was a lot of fun. Everybody was decked out in anything that seemed 'Valentine' to them."

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY. At the Sweetheart dance seniors Lisa Huber and April Glist dance to the music provided by KUSR. (Photo by Amy Bleyle)



MATCHING ANSWERS. Celebrities in the AHS Match Game '85," like senior Dan Emmerson, wait for the contestants' answer. (Photo by Ann Scott)



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Success at the top

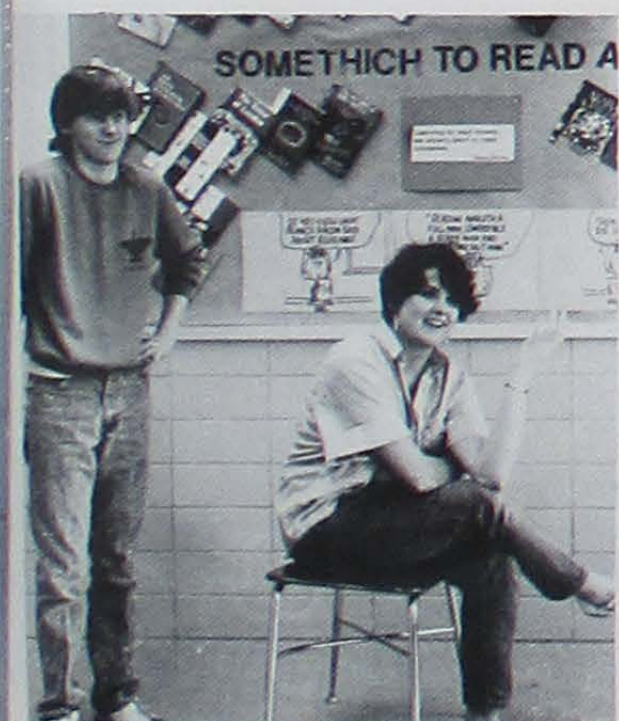
February 23 saw two of Speech Club's nine State Contest entries given an opportunity to participate in the All-State Festival. "The Still Alarm" and "The Best of Bob and Ray", both classified as ensemble actings, proceeded on to Central College in Pella for the festival.

The two groups had to compete at two other contests, District and State, before being invited to all-State. The entire club was fortunate enough to have all entries, except for one, proceed past the District level, and all groups received the highest ratings possible at State.

Junior Jim Bernard, a member of "the Still Alarm", cast, commented, "'Superstate', as Speech Club called it, was fun, especially with my group. I hope that I can go again next year."

BEEP. BEEP. Speech Club required that students practice twice a week on their lines. Sophomore Peter Groeneveld drives an imaginary car during group practice. (Photo by Erik Munson)

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT. Many hours of hard work and dedication were needed to perfect the Reader's Theatre presentation in group speech. Senior Katherine Middleton works on her lines. (Photo by Erik Munson)



BEATS ME. During an off-beat performance, seniors Jeff Feters and Brenda Plakans of "The Best of Bob and Ray" look at the audience with questioning glances. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)

ALL-STATE CAST. Members of "The Still Alarm" include Mark Kernan, Pat Kearney, David Dearin, Jim Bernard, and Ben Schafer. The group excelled to the All-State level of competition. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)

New rockers perform hits

Students were treated to a different kind of activity on March 29. Usually there was an event before a school dance and this night was no exception. Thirteen groups of "musicians" put on an airband show. The groups mouthed the words to various songs such as "Wango Tango," "Lucky Star," and "Boogie Nights."

Participants were from all classes. Sophomores Verda Davenport, Terri Jackson, and Gina Thompson performed "Jungle Love" by *The Time*. Davenport said, "It was a weird but neat feeling to be on stage."

Some students took a laid back attitude towards performing. Senior Mark Tondra, who performed to "Boogie Nights," said, "It was fun to get on stage and see how stupid you could be."

SWEET TRANSVESTITE. From "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," junior Chris Fuqua imitates the "Sweet Transvestite." Fuqua's act was one of 13 in the airbands. (Photo by Eric Munson)

BLUES BROTHERS. John Belushi and Dan Akroyd are revived as seniors John Erickson and Dan Emmerson sing "Hey, Mr. Bartender." (Photo by Eric Munson)



THE BIRDS. In the city of Sevilla, Spain, senior Spanish students Mark Oakland and John Kolmer feed some friendly birds. (Photo by Susan Jons)

BIRDS GALORE. Pidgeons overwhelm senior John Kolmer, one of 17 students who went to the Spain trip. (Photo by Susan Jons.)





Strangers in a strange land

It scared many students to think of leaving the U.S. to go to France for two weeks. But, as junior Nancy Herriott said, "One thing about France, or any other foreign country, is that the teenagers are like Americans. People go to a foreign country expecting totally different people but that's not true. The only different thing about the kids in France is that they speak French."

Once students got to France and discovered that this was true, some of the tensions left them and they could enjoy the trip even more. Senior Peter Liu said, "It made you feel closer to the rest of the world by going to another country."

Though the French were similar to Americans, France was a much different country than the U.S. While there, the students visited chateaux, such as Chambord and Angers and wineries;

D-DAY MEMORIAL. The past is visited when seniors Kirsten Daddow and Kathy Brockman view gravestones at the Omaha Beach Cemetery. (Photo by Amy Bleyle)

places not common to Iowa.

Another thing not common to the U.S. was the number of stray dogs that wander around the cities. Junior Amy Bleyle said, "When I was eating in a restaurant this little dog just wandered in and sat at the foot of my table. I just couldn't believe how the French let their animals go wherever they wanted. I have never seen so many dogs in one city."

MARCHAND A PARIS. A group of French students stand near the Arc de Triomphe, one famous monument the group visited in Paris. (Photo by Amy Bleyle)



of the differences between the U.S. and Spain. Following the family stay, the group spent eight days traveling around Spain.

Prior to the trip, students were required to make-up most of the homework for the eleven school days they missed. "It was worth the struggle," concluded junior Kim Ebberts.

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS. A Spanish friend listens to junior Hank Nakadate as he plays a tune on the harmonica. (Photo by Kim Grabau.)

Family stay experience beneficial to students

Seventeen Spanish students arrived in Madrid, Spain on March 18. They immediately began their six-day family stay. Mrs. Barbara Peterson, the adviser for the trip, said that the family stay program was an important part of the trip because students were able to "experience life in a Spanish home with a Spanish family."

"The Spanish people seemed to be friendlier in public than Americans," said junior Hank Nakadate, listing one



BIRD TALK. Two birds carry on a conversation while senior Mark Oakland listens in. (Photo by Susan Jons)

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Terpsichore has diversity

With the budget cuts in recent years, several activities funded with tax money faced the threat of termination. One production that didn't have this worry was the modern dance show, Terpsichore.

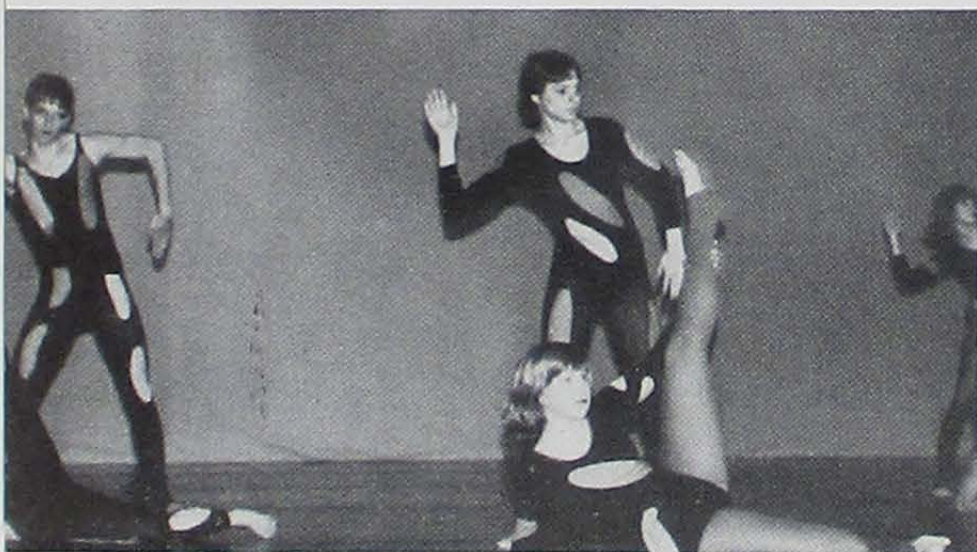
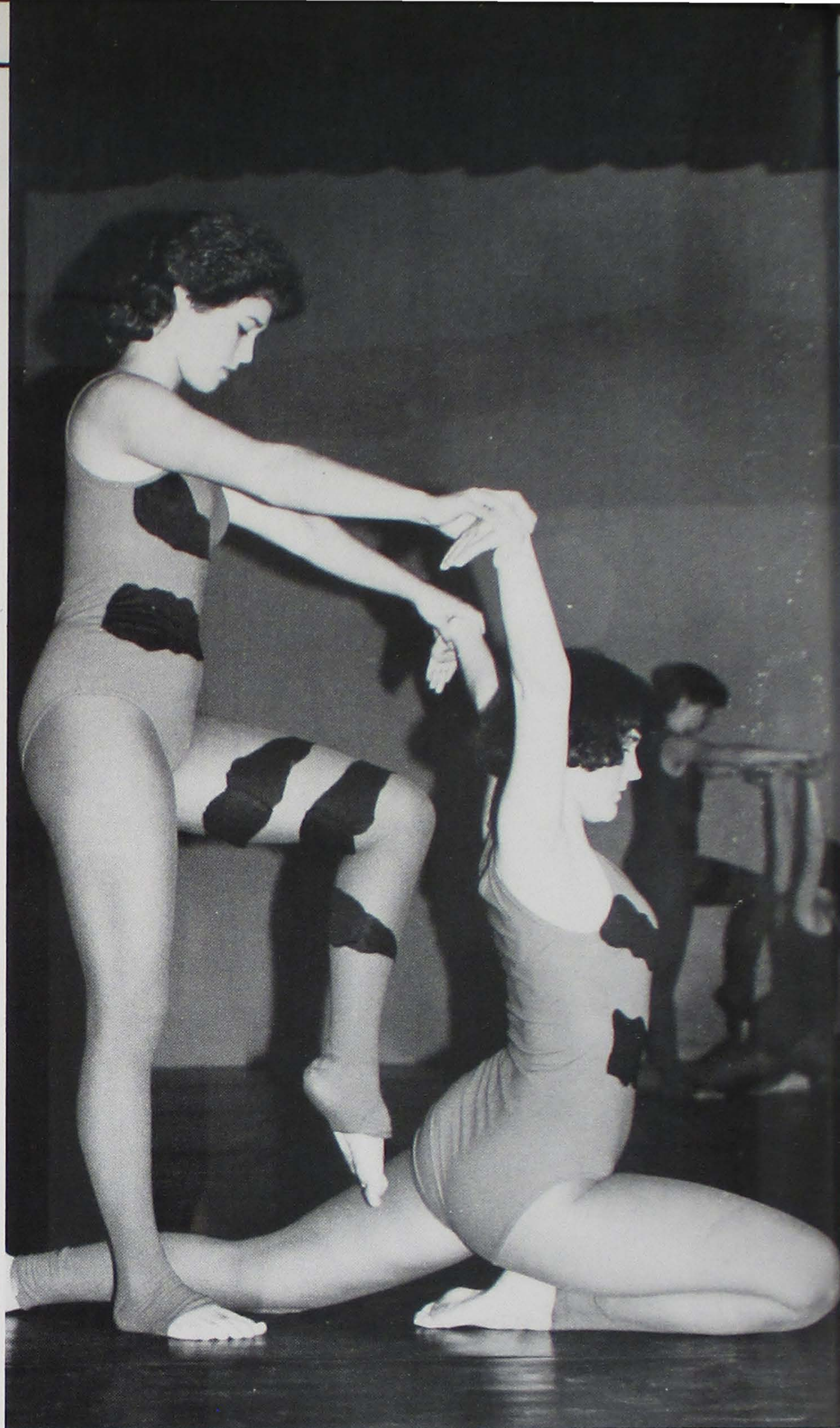
The Terpsichore production was put on solely with money raised through ticket sales. "We are a self-supported organization. We've always been able to keep in the black this way," said adviser Mary Kautzky.

The 11-dance production was presented on March 7, 8, and 9. The "Concert in Modern Dance" included dances ranging from ballet to modern jazz.

Reactions to the show were mixed. Alumnus Brian Manwiller said, "Some of the dances were good, but I had a hard time relating to a few of the others." Junior Jon Gohman, who saw the show two nights said, "I liked the music better in this year's show than in last year's."

WE ARE ANIMALS. In seniors Kathy Knight's and Mariella VanderGaast's dance, "This is Modern Art You See," sophomore Lori Sposito and junior Rachael Ulrichson hold their pose. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)

WESTERN PROMISE. Seniors Lisa Moore, Tom McConnell, Kathy Lynott, and sophomore Steph White dance in Moore's dance to the song "Western Promise" by Ultravox. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)



BONKI ZOWIE! BAM! Using the familiar Batman theme, Senior Kathy Lynott's dance added variety and humor to the show. Sophomore Jana Lynott and Senior Barb Farrar threaten each other with karate. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)



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Spring break excuse to leave

Many AHS students took vacations over spring break rather than staying in Ames. Vacations gave them a chance to forget about problems and anxieties associated with school.

Skiing trips became an increasingly popular way to spend spring breaks. Junior Michelle Gelina went to Colorado to ski with her family for a week. She said, "My family and I go skiing a lot. This gave us an entire week to be together."

Florida was another common vacation spot. Junior Jennifer Osborne spent a week there with her parents, traveling to Tampa, Orlando, and Treasure Is-

land. She said, "It was really nice because I've never been to Florida before and have always wanted to go."

A ten-day trip to Texas also brought a day in Mexico for sophomores Joey Philips and Marissa Campos. The two girls stayed with Philips' father, who lived in Texas. Philips said, "It was great! We went to the beach a lot, and had a lot of fun."

VACACIÓN EN MÉXICO. Mexico proved to be an exciting vacation spot for many AHS students. Sophomores Marissa Campos and Joey Philips spent a day there during their trip to Texas. (Photo courtesy of Marissa Campos)



Six advance to All-State

On March 23, seniors Jeff Fetters, Kristen Reynolds, Rowena Young, juniors Suzie Merideth, Leslie Stern and sophomore Peter Groeneveld went to Cedar Falls to participate in the All-State speech club competition held at the University of Northern Iowa.

Reynolds and Stern participated in two events. "They were two of twenty people in the state to do that," said senior co-president David Dearn.

Participation at the All-State level was quite an accomplishment. In order to attend, one must have received a 1 rating at district competition, two outstanding ratings at state competition and be invited to attend.

STERN AT STATE. At State Speech Contest, junior Leslie Stern competes in radio news announcing. Stern and senior Kristen Reynolds were two out of 20 people in Iowa to compete in two events at the All-State level. (Photo by Kristen Reynolds)

FUN TIME FLORIDA. Spring break was a great time for students to get away. While in Treasure Island, junior Jennifer Osborne had a chance to meet many new people. (Photo courtesy of Jennifer Osborne)



Grounds receive clean-up for open house

A clean-up day was held on Saturday April 13 in preparation for the open house the next day.

The open house was organized by Principal Ralph Farrar to show off the new additions to Ames High. Student council members hosted the open house. The drafting room, computer room, greenhouse and softball diamond were all on display.

Student council member, junior Bonali Barua said, "I thought the open house was successful. I think the parents really enjoyed it." Approximately 200 people attended the open house.

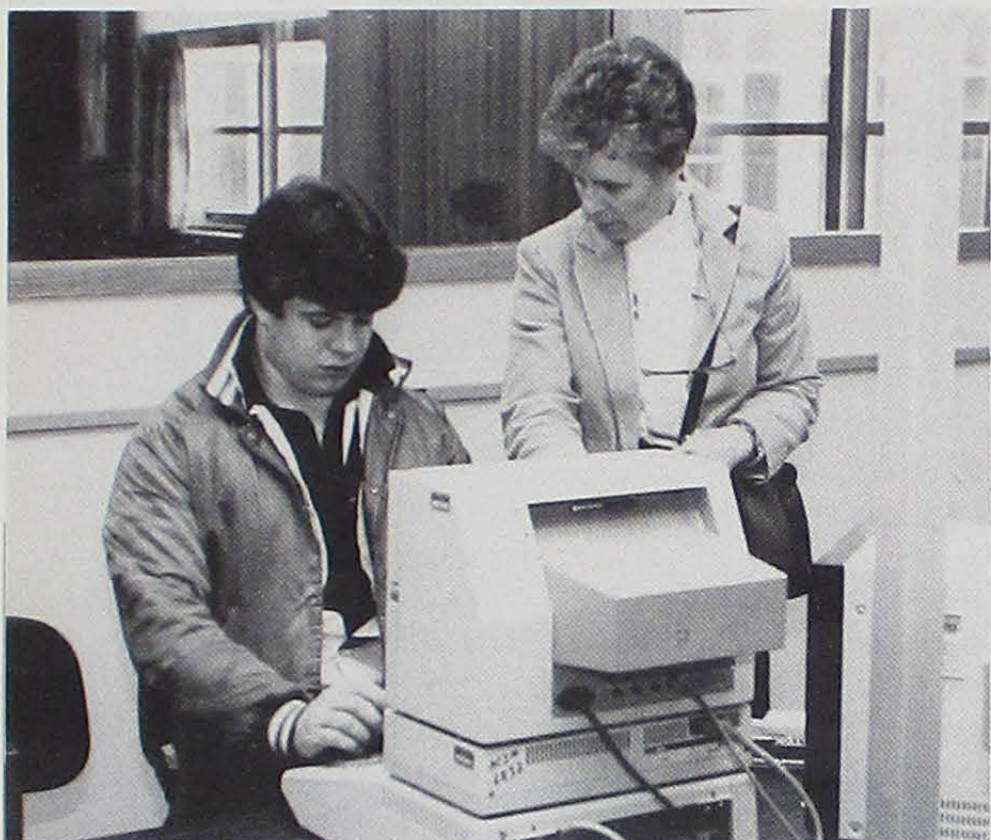
The clean-up was held from 9-11am Saturday and was also very successful. About 50 students and parents volun-

teered their time to clean up and do odd jobs around the building in preparation for the open house.

Dr. Farrar planned to organize an "environmental committee" for the next year. This committee would be in charge of clean-up days throughout the year. Farrar said, "I think by having this group, the appearance of the school could be greatly improved."

SHOWING DAD AROUND. At the open house, senior Rich Humphrey gives his dad a tour. The new drafting room, computer room, greenhouse, an and softball diamond were on display. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

NEW COMPUTERS. At the open house, sophomore Gretchen Schrader, her dad and brother tour the new computer room. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)

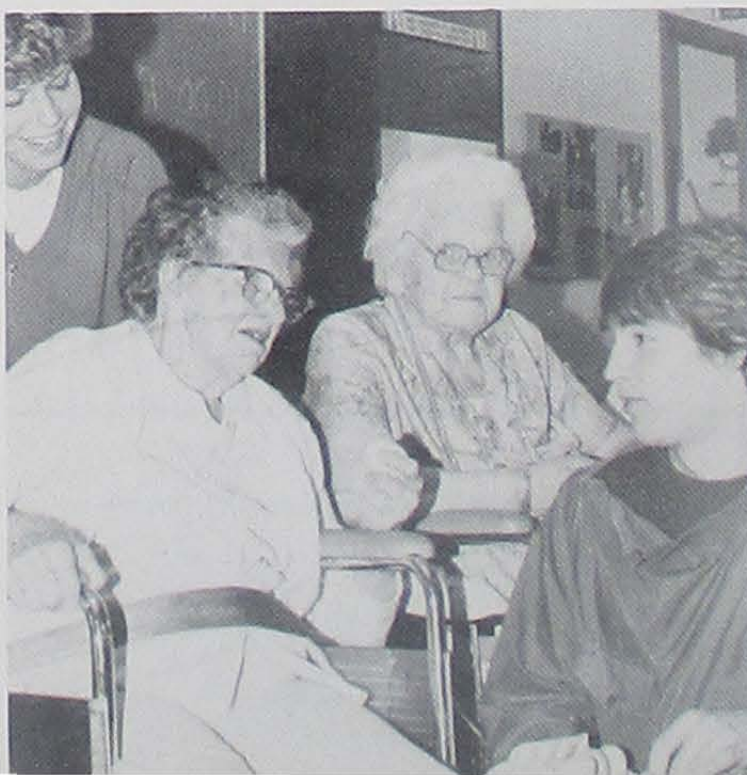


SHOW AND TELL. Open House was a good time to show parents the school and it's facilities. Sophomore Keith Peterson shows his mother his skills at the computer. (Photo by Bob Farrar.)



EASTER TIME. During the volunteer Easter party, Seniors Dan Emmerson and Lori Birdseye give a nursing home resident an Easter egg. Many students brought dyed eggs and candy to the residents. (Photo by Chris Benson)

SINGING TOGETHER. At the vounteer Easter party, senior Teresa Suarez and a friend sing along with Mr. Dale Tramp. (Photo by Chris Benson)





\$1000 raised for County Food Shelf

Something different was done for Welfare Week. At the end of a week of activities, the student council sponsored a carnival to raise money for Food Shelf, which provides food for needy families in Ames.

The week's activities included a hat day, shades day, tie day, spirit day, beach day, a faculty vs. I-ball champs basketball game, a car smash, a dance marathon, and a carnival.

The carnival was the main event. "The carnival was a lot of fun and it was a good way to raise funds," said senior Jill Peterson. Each homeroom was to sponsor an activity. Some homerooms sold food and others had raffles and contests. Sophomore Michelle Conlon said, "It was nice to see total school participation."

The amount of money raised totaled \$1000. Student Council adviser, Mary Ann Schmidt, reacted by saying, "I was very pleased with the activities. The carnival was a big success."

SPLAT. For fifty cents a throw, students got a chance to get revenge on Dean of students Dale Tramp. (Photo by Barb Farrar)



CHAUD-MOBILE. during the carnival at Welfare Week, senior Lori VanSickle takes senior Shawn Connolly for a spin in the "Chaudmobile." (Photo by Barb Farrar)

SINGING IN UNISON. April 4 was the volunteers' Easter Party at the senior citizen centers around town. Junior Connie Ballantine shares her lyrics with a resident. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)

April EVENTS

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Opposing views given

While other school years were often marred by alcohol or drug incidents, this year's big issue was a new one. In the fall, several students openly declared their homosexuality, and because of this declaration, these students were harrassed by other students who were less tolerant of alternative lifestyles.

At first it was mainly kept quiet, but the *Ames Tribune* and *Des Moines Register* picked up on the story and some felt it became blown out of proportion.

After weeks several, however, the tension died down, and for much of the school, it was considered a closed subject. The student council then decided to present two assemblies, on April 26 and 30, to give students a chance to hear opposing views on homosexuality. "I thought it was kind of stupid that they brought all that back up. It had sort of died down," said sophomore Sean Kearney.

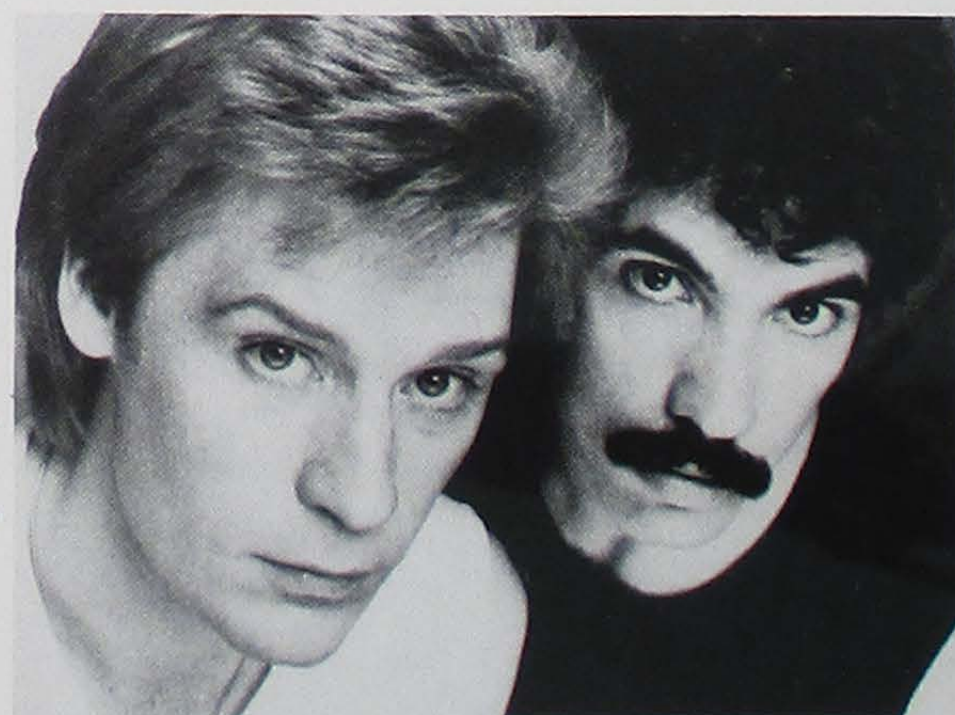
Mrs. Adele Star, who had one gay son, came to the school from California to speak at the first assembly. She talked about how she and her husband attended a support group for parents of homosexuals, and how they had accepted the fact that their son was gay. She stressed the opinion that homosexuals should be accepted into society, not shunned.

The opposing view was presented at the second assembly by Rev. Richard Stierlen of the First Assembly of God Church in Ames. He used biblical passages to support his message that homosexuals are a menace and if a society accepts them, that society is noticeably weakened.

IT HAPPENED TO ME. Finding out her son was homosexual shocked Mrs. Adele Star at first, but she explained to the student body how she learned to accept her son, and encouraged others to do so, also. (Photo by Amy Bleyle)

HALL AND OATES. Concerts in Ames during April included Hall and Oates, and REO Speedwagon. Both concerts were held in Hilton Colesium. (Photo by AP Laser)

DON'T BE DIFFERENT. The opposing view to Mrs. Star was given by Rev. Richard Stierlen. He was of the opinion that homosexuality is an abomination to society, and stressed the viewpoint in his presentation. (Photo by Amy Bleyle)



Happy to help

"Our students get a chance to rub shoulders with people who are less fortunate than others, yet more fortunate in some ways because of the happiness and satisfaction they can receive from the opportunity to participate. I think all our students can learn something from that," said Dale Tramp, volunteer coordinator.

The Central Iowa Special Olympics for the physically and mentally handicapped was held at the stadium, April 24. About 250 student volunteers were on hand to help. Senior Jeff Bundy said, "All the volunteers did a good job and enjoyed helping the special athletes. I hope the program continues for the sake of the students."

ROLLING TO VICTORY As a Special Olympics contestant crosses the finish line, junior Pat McCracken gives his congratulations. Students were encouraged to volunteer to give encouragement to the athletes (Photo by Barb Farrar)



Support, performance strong at Drake



OVER ALL OBSTACLES in the 110-low hurdles race, senior Karen Koellner clears a hurdle on her way to the finish line. Karen won every race she ran in at the Drake Relays (Photo by Ames Tribune)

"It was a great day at the Drake Relays for the Ames tracksters and fans both," senior Kevin Hansen said. "I cheered, tanned, and had a good time."

The girls' track team was one of three in the state with someone in every event. The boys' had teams qualify in every relay and in seven individual events.

"Ames by far had the most fans on Friday. You could just tell by the support our team received," said senior Karen Koellner, winner of the 800-meter run.

Saturday, Ames performed before a sell-out crowd. "I looked up and all I could see was 18,000 people watching me," said junior Matt Jones, starter

for three of Ames' sprint relays.

Top finishes for the boys included a first for the sprint medley team of Jones, junior Darren Milliken, junior Chad Greimann, and senior Jeff Burris. Second place went to the 4x800 team of sophomores John Burris and Brett Carney, and seniors Scott Whigham and Jeff Burris. Senior Greg Worley had a tenth place performance in the 3,200-meter run.

The girls' team earned a second in the 4x100 and a third in the spring medley. The 4x100 team was made of seniors Michelle Tannehill and Karen Koellner, and sophomores Terri Jackson and Gina Thompson.

"I think everybody was happy just to get invited to run," said Tannehill.



PASS IT ON. The 4x100-meter relay team was one of the best relay teams in the state. Senior Kurt Hockman leads the field of runners in handing off to junior Darren Milliken. (Photo by Ames Tribune)

EVENTS
April

Hours of practice brings good results

The final play of the 1984-85 season was "Back County Crimes," a play done in the form of Edgar Lee Masters' "Spoon River Anthology." A series of short skits, each giving details of a murder, was held together by narrator Doc Autry, played by senior Shannon McCoy.

Doc Autry doctored the town of Duty in Love County, where "Back County Crimes" is set, for "nigh onto 40 years." Doc rounded out the skits with details necessary to the audience's understanding. He also interjected some personal philosophy about the "palpitations of the human heart, what are its own" into his narration, and was the only character the audience saw for the duration of the play. Other characters faded in and out of the chorus, enabling many performers to be cast in dual roles.

Even those performers with only one role found they had quite enough work to occupy their time. One such performer, sophomore Polly Stromley, reflected on the results of their work. "It was a lot of hard work and we had a few problems in the beginning. In the long run, though, it was probably one of the best plays Ames High's ever done," she said. Stromley rehearsed four nights a week and came to work on crews every Saturday for approximately five hours.

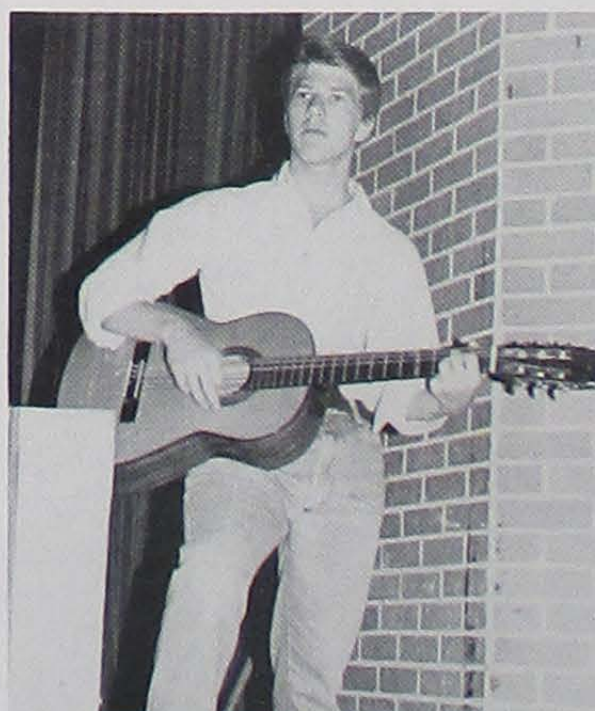
Director Wayne Hansen was also pleased with the results. "Out of the 120 plays that I have directed, Back County Crimes was my favorite one."

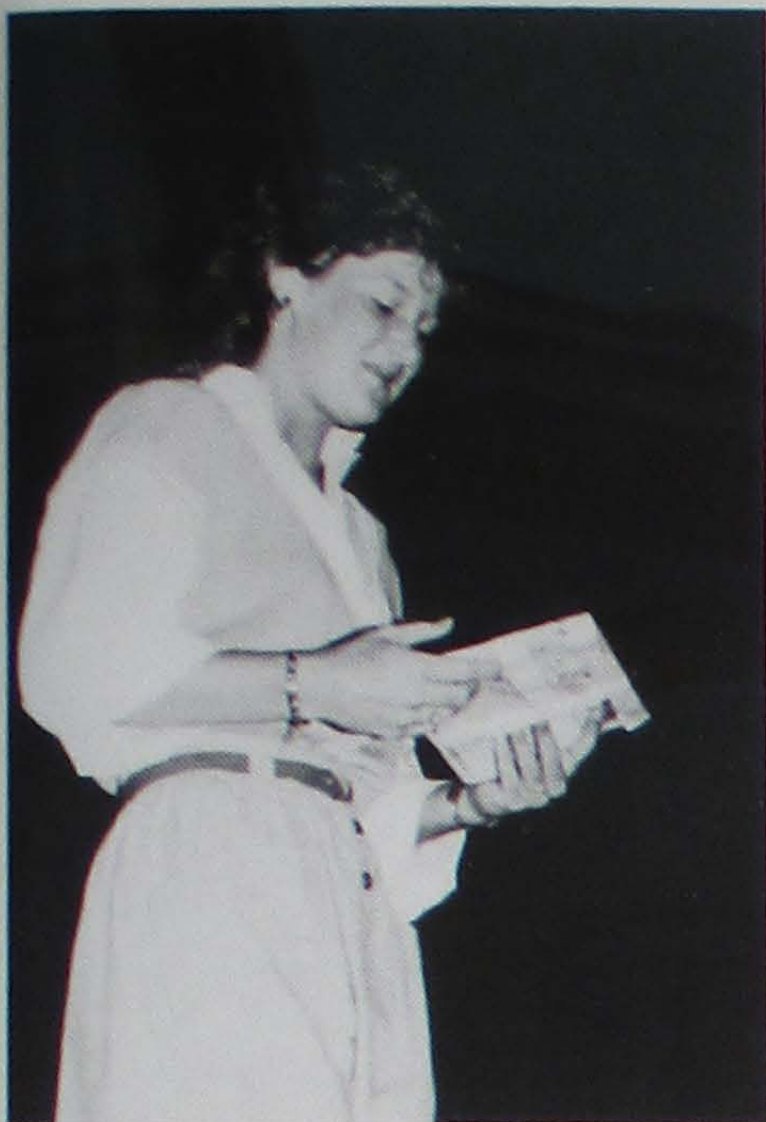
STORY TELLING. Narrating the play senior Shannon McCoy plays the role of Doc Autry. Doc (McCoy) gave necessary details for the audience for each scene. (Photo by Erin Andersen)



MUSIC MAN. Playing his guitar, sophomore Mike Ripp added to the country atmosphere of the play. (Photo by Erin Andersen)

SINISTER SINGER. After each act, the chorus sang about the play. Sophomore Shelby Myers, and senior Julie Ford perform in the chorus. (Photo by Erin Andersen.)





240 awards presented to Class of '85

At the end of the school year many students received invitations to the annual awards assembly held on May 14. Some of these were to receive individual awards of scholarships; others were to be recognized in a large group.

The entire assembly lasted almost two hours and some 240 awards were given in all. According to counselor Kay Garrett, the number of awards given was a little bit more than usual.

A more elite group gathered at 6 p.m. on May 15 at the Gateway Center.

GOOD FOR ME. At the Awards Assembly senior Nancy Ostendorf receives an award for the Best Female Feature Writer of the Year. It was one of the 240 awards given. (Photo by Erik Munson.)

These were the 39 students who were to graduate in the top 10% of their class, as determined by grade point averages. Invites met a week ahead to sign their parents up and to elect a representative speaker. Bob Smithson was chosen and he gave a humorous speech about growing up.

Of special notice were the two foreign students to graduate in the top 10%. These were Anja Trebes and Vahid Feiz. Trebes said, "For me it was a different situation because I've only been here for one year. The others had to have good grades all three years. But it was still an honor to be in the group, and I think the dinner was a nice way to get us all together even though I would have preferred a picnic."

Bauske named best teacher

As the school year came to a close, student council initiated yet another new tradition. Students were given a chance to pick their favorite teacher. English teacher Grace Bauske was the first recipient of the Teacher Recognition Award, and was presented with the certificate at the annual student council teacher recognition breakfast. "It (the award) was the last thing I expected," said Bauske.

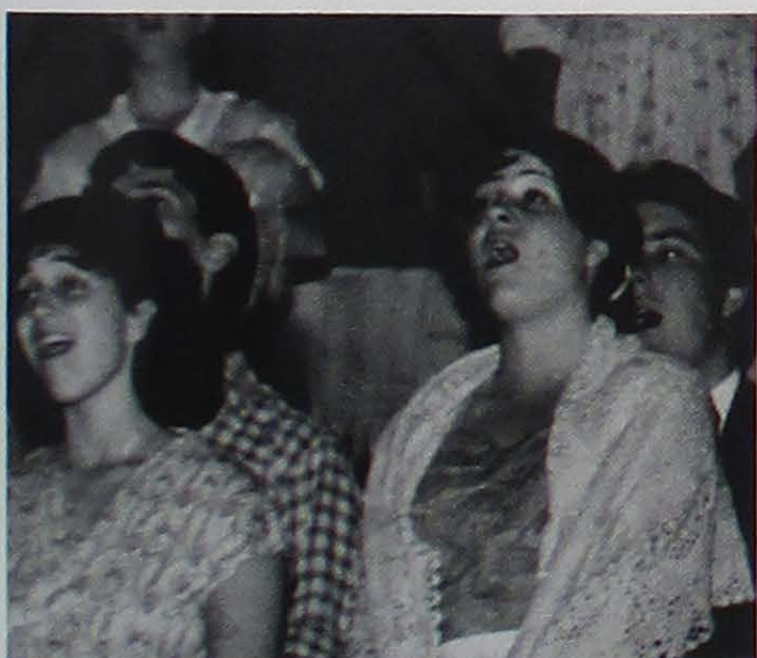
The Teacher Recognition committee was formed at the suggestion of Principal Ralph Farrar and the Parent Advisory Council. Two student council members from each grade were appointed to the committee. This committee was in charge of selecting finalists from the nominations submitted by the student body.

The nominations were narrowed down

to three teachers. Then these three were voted on by the rest of the student council. The teacher with the most votes received a certificate and had her name engraved on a plaque which would be permanently placed in the Media Center.

After receiving the award, Bauske commented, "It did a lot for my self-respect and diminished energy. I loved the recommendations; no one had ever told me I had my 'head on straight' before. And I loved being number one on the recognition plaque."

A JOB WELL DONE. At the teacher recognition breakfast, Mrs. Bauske was named outstanding teacher of the fourth quarter. Senior Lori Van Sickle presents the award. (Photo by Dana Seahafer.)



COUNTY CHORUS Singing with the chorus at the spring play are juniors Heather Selman and Lara Hill. The chorus played a major role in the play. (Photo by Erin Andersen.)

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Video tracks replace band at prom

Junior Executive solved the problem of having a bad band every year at the Junior-Senior Prom by entertaining 520 student with music videos.

Video Tracks came from Kansas City to play for the dance. Junior Executive advisor, Nancy Johnson said, "I thought this year's prom went very well. A lot more people were dancing and the music was excellent."

Tickets were sold for \$10 a couple and about 260 couples bought tickets before the dance. "Moments Into Memories" was the theme. Sara Lawlor, executive member added, "Junior Executive worked really hard. We had to decide on the theme, colors, decorations and find chaperones. We also had a lot of little stuff like the photo background and ordering of invitations."

The dance was held from 9pm to midnight. The after-prom party was from 12:30 am to 2:30 am. "Prom was okay but I wish they had a band. The after prom party was real fun too, I was really excited to see who was going to win the prizes," added senior Jamie Elleby.

Finishing up the after-prom party was the free breakfast at Village Inn. More prizes were given away there.

Junior Bob Ellis commented, "Looking at everyone really dressed up made me realize how old we are. It hit me kind of weird. I noticed that everyone was having a good time. It was a big success."

JUST ARRIVING. Senior Mark Hanson and sophomore Deb Wilson stop to pose for a picture before getting onto the dance floor. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)



SMILE. While taking a break from dancing, juniors Margaret Baumel, Sara Lawlor, and Chris Sharp pose for a picture at prom. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)



STILL DANCING. Even though the end of prom is near, sophomore Jill Isaacson still finds energy to dance. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)





Parents provide safety

"The After-Prom Party was good because more people were there, trying to win the car, than were out getting drunk," senior Jerry Schrag said.

The Second Annual After-Prom Party was sponsored by Parents Together to keep students sober and safe. Many prizes were awarded, with names being drawn from entry stubs. Fifty prizes were contributed by merchants and parents and ranged from a hairdryer and a case of Pepsi, to \$50 and a car.

The grand prize, a 1978 Buick Sports Coupe was given away last. It was won by senior Craig Stroup. The party lasted from midnight until 2:30 am at the 20th Century Bowling Alley. All AHS juniors and seniors were welcome, whether or not they attended prom.

The party started last year as a result

ROMANTIC INTERLUDE. Taking advantage of a slow dance, junior Terry Murphy and his date get a little closer. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)

THE BIG WINNER. After winning the 1978 Buick Sports Coupe at the After-Prom party, senior Craig Stroup leans on his new car with his date. (Photo by Greg Nelson)

of a student-alcohol problem and was organized by concerned parents. It was continued this year to prevent such alcohol-related problems from developing again. Junior Jenny Evans appreciated this gesture of parental concern. She said "I'd really like to thank all the parents who helped out. They should keep it up as long as possible."

TAKING A BREAK. After a hard game of bowling, juniors Jeanette Jordison, Kim Adams, and their out-of-town dates, relax at the after-prom party. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)



Last Veishea for students

From waiting in line at the home ec building for cherry pies to watching the parade, Veishea offered something for everyone. As usual, school was called off on Friday. However, next year the students will not have the same privilege and there will be an early dismissal instead.

"The most popular thing for high school kids was the street dance. It was great for socializing. There were tons of Ames High kids there. The bands were really good, too," said junior Sarah Thomas.

Two bands from Ames High played at the dance, "Outrage" and "The Drift".

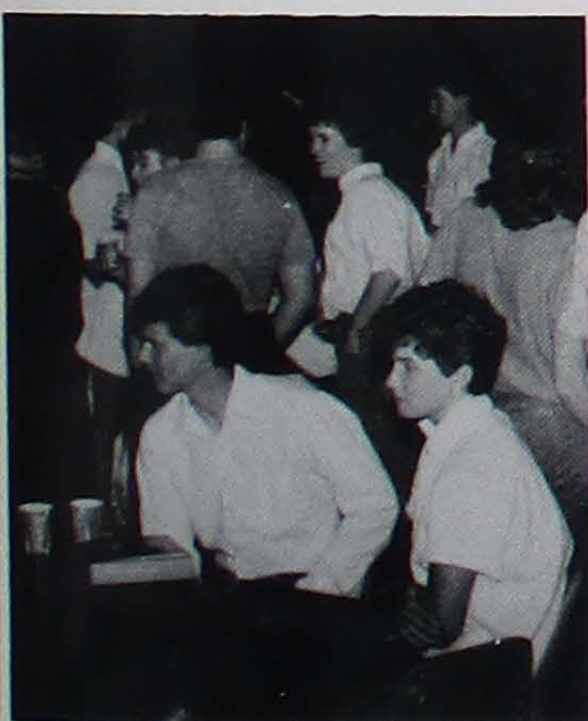
These bands also competed at the Battle of the Bands held on Friday afternoon.

The State History Day finals were held on May 3. Sophomores Chris Okiishi, Peter Groeneveld, and Kevin Wobig won in the senior group performance category. The group was traveling to Landover, Maryland to compete in the National Finals during the summer.

LOCAL CELEBRITY. Miss Teen Iowa, senior Alisa Black, rides in a white convertible in the annual Veishea parade. She competed in the National Miss Teen Contest in February. (Photo by Ames Tribune)



TAKING IT EASY. At the After-Prom party juniors Paul Howard and Chris Pruhs take a break from the evening's festivities. The party was held at the Century 21 Bowling Lanes. (Photo by Greg Nelson)



EVENTS *Kay*

Interpretive dance adds to the service

The Inter-faith Baccalaureate Service was held on May 22, at C.Y. Stephens auditorium. Six senior girls organized and performed an interpretive dance before the invocation. "We enjoyed being a part of graduation by dancing at this service," said senior Christina Barrata.

Dr. Jon C. Dalton, acting vice-president for student affairs at Northern Illinois University, presented the class sermon. "I thought it was good because it wasn't religious. He aimed the sermon toward the students' interests," said senior Stacy Dalton, daughter of Dr. Dalton.

IMAGINE. The vice-president of student affairs at Northern Illinois University, Dr. John Dalton speaks at the baccalaureate service. (Photo by Erin Andersen)



Senior Picnic provides food and fun



PIG-OUT. The Senior Picnic was held at the Ames Country Club. Seniors Steve Abel and Chris Benson eat fried chicken and barbecued beef. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)

The Ames Golf and Country Club became Ames High for a day as seniors spent their next-to-last day of school playing frisbee, volleyball, football, hacky sack, tennis, and golf, and soaking up the sun. The senior picnic, held Monday, May 20, was one chance to relax during the hectic week of graduation.

Although most people didn't arrive until mid-morning, the first dreary-eyed golfers took the course at 8 a.m., and the course was packed the rest of the day.

An \$11 fee made seniors eligible for the picnic. Students were not required to attend the picnic. Even though many thought the fee was too high, a total of 315 students, faculty, and spouses joined in the fun.

"For eleven bucks, I was going to get

my money's worth," said Jeff Hartman, who played a total of 36 holes of golf.

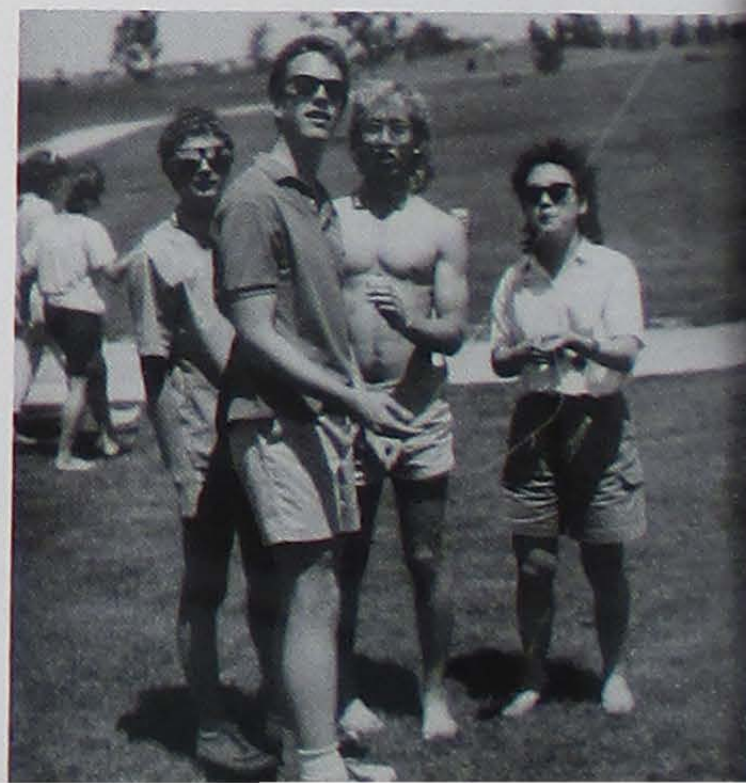
Sun-worshippers started to gather pool-side around 10 a.m. The fact that there wasn't a drop of water in the pool disappointed students, but it didn't stop them from lying out in the sun. Towards the end of the day, when temperatures reached the mid-80's, some picnickers cooled off in the golf course sprinklers.

A buffet lunch of fried chicken and barbecued beef was served, and pop was available all day.

By the end of the day the sun had taken its toll, and most of the people at the picnic left with a sunburn.

"The worst part," said Tim Comstock, "was getting the tops of my feet sunburned."

KITE FLIGHT. For seniors, the annual picnic marked the end of classes. Seniors John Kolmer, Andy Balinsky, Mark Kernan and Rowena Young fly a kite on the golf course. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)



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Class of '85 'waves' good-bye

Thursday, May 24, was a turning point for 374 students. Graduation ceremonies marked both an end and a beginning for the Class of 1985.

They entered the Hilton Coliseum to the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance". Senior Patty Huss gave the invocation. In her address she recalled some of her high school experiences.

Thirteen honor graduates were awarded medals following the invocation. The Senior Chorale performed two songs, "Friends" and "The Song Inside Me", both directed by seniors. Senior soloist Susan Thompson sang "Out Here On My Own".

Paul Masem, Superintendent of Schools, introduced the class speakers. Senior Shannon McCoy talked about the future and the challenges posed by national and international conditions. Seniors Brenda Plakans and Jeff Fetters took a humorous look back at school and at fads, beginning with their first grade experiences. The senior class ended with "the wave", a familiar sight at many football games.

In place of the traditional benediction delivered by a member of the graduating class, an all-senior choral reading was presented.

Then came the familiar flying mortar boards and confetti, the tearful hugs, and the flashing cameras, as the class of 1985 became alumni.

GRADUATED ... AT LAST. After receiving his carnation from junior executive member Mari Wittmer, senior Steve Dinsmore is finally finished with graduation. (Photo by Erik Munson)

THE REAL MCCOY. At commencement, senior Shannon McCoy gives his graduation speech. Shannon focused on the real world seniors would have to face next year. (Photo by Greg Nelson)

WE MADE IT. Displaying a newly acquired diploma, seniors Brenda Plakans and Sally Lendt celebrate their graduation. 374 seniors received diplomas on this night. (Photo by Barbara Plakans)



Over 160 scholarships awards

Air Force ROTC Scholarship: Bob Devens, Peter Gierasch.

American Bar Association Citizenship Award: Barb Farrar, Julianne Orth, Brian Schreck, and Greg Worley.

American Legion Oratory Contest: Rowena Young, 1st place local and county

Ames Women's Club Scholarship: Jenny Bower and Katherine Middleton.

Andrew Riggs Memorial: Alissa Kaplan

Army ROTC Scholarship: Chris Benson, Bob Devens, and Peter Gierasch.

Art Institute Of Chicago Scholarship: Tim Comstock

Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award: Greg Worley

Beta Tau Delta Continuing Education Grant: Julie Ford and Lori E. Green.

Blossom I. Brandt Scholarship: John Kolmer.

Carleton College Grant: Tom Shakeshaft

Carnegie-Mellon University Scholarship: Andy Balinsky and Mark Oakland.

Central College Foreign Language Scholarship: Becky S. Johnson

Central College Special Honors Scholarship: Becky S. Johnson

Dartmouth College General Scholarship: Tom Shakeshaft

Des Moines Register Scholarship: Bob Smithson, Bryce Pierson and Kristin Switz.

Drake University Athletic Scholarship: Tom Shakeshaft

Drake University Music Department Scholarship: Mark Oakland

Drake University Physics Exam: Andy Balinsky

Drake University Presidential Scholarship: Kim Dykema

Elks Club State Scholarship: Katherine Middleton

English Department Award for Excellence: David Dearn

Ernie P. Schwartz Scholarship: Bob Smithson

German AATG Award: Janelle Bunde, Paul Clem, Tracy Frank, Erica Fuchs, Amy Horner, Maggie Lewis

Hangar Foundation Scholarship: Bret Posegate

IHSPA Spring Writing Contest (Newspaper): Dan Emmerson, 3rd place Illustrations; Jeff Fetters, 2nd place Graphics; Julie Slater and Susan Colwell, 3rd place In-depth Reporting.

Iowa Academy of Science Student Award: Andy Balinsky

Iowa State University Alumni Board Scholarship: Mark Oakland

Iowa State University, Athletic Scholarship: Jeff Burris.

Iowa State University Biotechnology Scholarship: Steve Fehr

Iowa State University University Music Scholarship: Tracy Frank, Sonya Powers, and Jenifer Rieck

Iowa State University Tuition Grant: Sonya Powers

Iowa Tuition Grant To Small Colleges: Becky S. Johnson

Knights Of Columbus Youth Of The Year Award: Karen Brown

Luther College Voice Scholarship: Susan Thompson

Macalester College Grant: Tom Shakeshaft

Mike McNertney Memorial Music Scholarship: Michelle Johnston



OUTSTANDING REPORTER. Receiving her Best Feature Writer of the Year Award, is senior Nancy Ostendorf. Bess Ferguson selected her from all of the other female Web staffers to receive this annual award. (Photo by Erin Anderson)

Morningside College Athletic Grant: Matt Carney

National Art Scholastic Gold Medal Drawing: Tim Comstock

National Art Scholastic Honorable Mention Mixed Media: Julie Ford

National Merit Scholarship: Andy Balinsky, Nina Leacock, and Rowena Young.

National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists: Andy Balinsky, Mike Flohr, Kevin James, Mark Kernan, John Kim, John Lambert, Nina Leacock, John Lee, Mark Oakland, Kristen Reynolds, Bob Smithson, Mark Tondra, and Rowena Young.

National Scholastic Hallmark Honor Prize: Tim Comstock

New York Art Students League Award: Julie Ford

Norman Vincent Peale Scholarship: Jim Walhof



THE TOP TEN PERCENT OF THE CLASS OF 1985. Front Row: Susan Colwell, Susan Dyer, Natasha Wilson, Rowena Young, Kristen Reynolds, and Becky Johnson. **Second Row:** Julianne Orth, Sonya Powers, Stephanie Hansen, Kim Dykema, Amy Hutter, and Janet Wisner. **Third Row:** Anja Trebes, Alissa Kaplan, Karen Brown, Nina Leacock, David Dearn, and John Lee. **Fourth Row:** Melissa Goll, Julie Ford, Janelle Bunde, Andy Balinsky, Katherine Middleton, Adrienne Erbach, and John Lambert. **Fifth Row:** Sheila Swenson, Vel Randic, Greg Worley, Steve Fehr, Jeff Hartman, Bob Smithson, and Mike Rops. **Sixth Row:** Carol Mallgren, Mark Tondra, Mike Flohr, and Mahammed Nikuie. **Back Row:** Doug Lastine, Charles Knox, and Jim Fenton. (Photo by Erin Andersen)



given for talents, skills, abilities.

Northwestern College Academic Scholarship: Jim Walhof

Northwestern College Math-Science Scholarship: Jim Walhof

Northwest Missouri State University Scholarship: Bret Posegate

Optimist Club Good Citizen Award: Roger Roland

Presidential Scholarship Finalist: Kristen Reynolds

Renesselaer Medal: David Ross

Regents/Chancellor Scholarship, University of California Berkeley: Rowena Young

Rice University Scholarship: Andy Balinsky

Robert Duanne Peterson Scholarship: Kim Grabau

RoSCREEN Scholarship Alternate, Central College: Kim Dykema

Speech Club All-Staters: Jim Bernard, David Dearin, Jeff Fethers, Peter Groeneveld, Pat Kearney, Mark Kernan, Suzie Merideth, Brenda Plakans, Kristen Reynolds, Ben Schafer, Leslie Stern, and Rowena Young.

SPIRIT (yearbook): Barb Farrar, Outstanding Photographer, 1984-85; Dana Seehafer, Outstanding Photographer 1984-85; Patty Huss, Super SPIRIT Staffer, 1984-85; Karen Koellner, Super SPIRIT Staffer, 1984-85; Devika Seecharran, SPIRIT Service Award; Brenda Plakans, Special Recognition; Co-Editor SPIRIT '85; Lisa Huber, SPIRIT Staffer of the Year, 1985.

State of Iowa American High School Mathematics Exam: Andy Balinsky

State of Iowa Scholars: Andy Balinsky, Karen Brown, Janelle Bunde, Kim Dykema, Adrienne Erbach, Steve Fehr, Mike Flohr, Julie Ford, Melissa Goll, Jeff Hartman, Amy Hutter, Becky Johnson, Charles Knox, Doug Lastine, Nina Leacock, John Lee, Katharine Middleton, Julianne Orth, Sonya Powers, Vel Randic, Kristen Reynolds, Michael Rops, Bob Smithson, Janet Wisner, John Worley, and Rowena Young.

Sterling College Alumni Scholarship: Cathlin Sickles

Strathmore Paper Company Art Scholarship: Tim Comstock

Top ten percent of the Class of 1985: Andy Balinsky, Karen Brown, Janelle Bunde, Susan Colwell, David Dearin, Susan Dyer, Kim Dykema, Adrienne Erbach, Steve Fehr, Jim Fenton, Mike Flohr, Julie Ford, Melissa Goll, Stephanie Hanson, Jeff Hartman, Amy Hutter, Becky Johnson, Alissa

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Trustee Honor Scholarship Grinnell College: Karen Wilt

United States Air Force Academy Appointment: Greg Worley

United States Military Academy West Point Appointment: Bob Devens

University of Iowa Athletic Scholarship: Jeff Burris

University Of Iowa Center for the Arts Scholarship: Natasha Wilson

University Of Iowa Dance Department Scholarship: Natasha Wilson

University Of Iowa Dean's Scholarship: Jeff Hartman

University Of Iowa Paul Patton Grahame Scholarship for Art: Tim Comstock, Dan Emmerson, and Julie Ford.

University Of Iowa Presidential Scholarship: Kristen Reynolds

University Of Iowa School Sponsored National Merit Scholarship: Kristen Reynolds

University Of Iowa Tuition Grant: Julie Ford

University Of Missouri Athletic Scholarship: Jeff Burris

University Of Northern Iowa Athletic Scholarship: Jeff Burris

University Of Northern Iowa Mathematics Symposium Award: Heather Dodd, Peter Groeneveld, Dean Hutchison, Nina Leacock, Mark Oakland, Chris Okiishi, Kristen Reynolds, Heather Selman, and Rowena Young.

University Of Northern Science and Math Symposium Scholarship: Andy Balinsky

University Of Southern California, Presidential Scholarship: Julie Ford

University Of Tulsa Scholar: Jeff Hartman

Volunteer of The Year Award: Sarah Rust

Voice of Democracy Award: Leslie Stern

Washington University Merit Scholarship: Mark Oakland

WEB Awards: Nancy Ostendorf, Best Feature Writer; and Alissa Kaplan, WEB Staffer of the Year Award, 1985

Webster University Music and Theater Scholarship: Susan Thompson

Winston C. Young Memorial Scholarship: Michelle Johnston

Youth For Understanding Scholarship for eight weeks in Japan: Leslie Stern



ARTISTIC ABILITY. Presenting art awards to three senior artists, Dorothy Gugel says a few words. Julie Ford, Dan Emmerson, and Tim Comstock are recognized for their talent. (Photo by Erin Andersen)



OUTSTANDING YOUTH. Because of her involvement in a wide range of activities, senior Karen Brown was presented with The Knights of Columbus Youth of the Year Award. (Photo by Erin Andersen)

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PAIN AND AGONY. Having his broken finger looked at causes junior Chris Sabus to grimace in pain. Football caused many players to have to sit out of a game to allow time for an injury to heal. (Photo by Barb Farrar)





s we bench-pressed 180 lbs. and ran that extra mile, while the chlorine stung our eyes sprinting the last lap in the pool, we were improving. Improvement was the word for this year's sports, for as we worked out to build strength and endurance, we improved scores, times and skills.

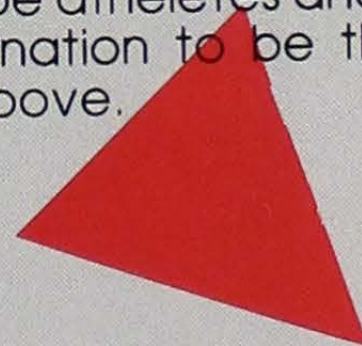
Our second football season in the Metro proved to be a winning one. The varsity team beat ninth-ranked Roosevelt, and ended the season with a 5-4 record. The sophomores beat everyone to become the conference champions.

Football wasn't the only sport where improvement was a major consideration. Both boys' and girls' basketball teams saw victories during the middle of the season against teams like Roosevelt and North Tech.

Often times, the smaller, less publicized teams were the ones that did the best. Both swimming teams ended the seasons with state-wide rankings. The gymnastics team had participants who were state contenders. During the middle of the season, senior Annie Dougan was ranked second in the all-around competition.

Not only were teams improving, but facilities were also. A new \$44,600 softball field was built in the south practice field, by the pool. This gave the softball team more space to practice batting, throwing and pitching.

As we worked to improve, we became aware of the stamina necessary to be athletes and strong competitors. Our determination to be the best helped make us A Cut Above.



GAMES

a cut above

FALL SOFTBALL. Front Row: Jenny Netusil, Deb Perrin, Tami Baker, Heather Christenson, Stacy Jacobson, Andrea Ryan, Shannon Scherr, Jenny Craig. **Second Row:** Sara Tett, Amy Meyers, Julie Stoecker, Barb Farrar, Emily Schaefer, Lisa Lemanczyk, Michelle Tannehill, Jane Thornton. **Back Row:** Anne Coady, Julie Thornton, Kristin Switz, Susan Huss, Lori Birdseye, Jenny Wall. **Not Pictured:** Nancy Ostendorf, Dana Seehafer, Janet Bredeson, Ricci Moore.



Fall Softball

Players stay optimistic throughout the season

Head Coach Bud Legg

Fall Softball

Won 4, Lost 9

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SENIOR CATCHER, Amy Myers awaits a pitch from Deb Perrin. Meyers was a top catcher in the Metro conference. (Photo by Anja Trebes)

Inexperience and youth: that could be the fall softball team's best description. Inexperience due to the lack of playing time, and youth due to an abundance of younger players. Ames High had a total of 39 summer and fall games, while many other opposing teams had 39 summer games alone.

"We felt very optimistic going into the season. We had a lot of returning starters coming back and our junior varsity produced plenty of younger players," said Head Coach Bud Legg. However, as the season turned out, the returning starters and the younger players didn't help out through a tough schedule. They lost a total of five games by three runs or less.

Offensively, the Little Cyclones were led at the plate by senior Dana Seehafer with a .311 batting average, and by senior Barb Farrar who drove home 13 runs. Senior Lisa Lemanczyk dominated the defensive categories, with 93 put-outs, and a fielding percentage of .938. "Since our team was so young, we needed a lot of leadership, and I was willing to help out the team in any way I could," said Lemanczyk. Legg felt that the seniors did a fine job of showing leadership.

Coach Legg added that the fall season gave the more serious softball players a chance to improve. The sea-

son also allowed players more playing time together. "Near the end of the year, we started playing well together, but there was still plenty of room for improvement," said Coach Legg.

Explaining why they lost the close games, Coach Legg felt the team needed to develop more consistency. Coach Legg said they had good team speed, and a good defense, but they needed to be strengthened up and down the batting order. Coach Legg also added that the pitching must also get stronger in order to do well in their summer season.

"The fall season is used as a pre-season workout for the up-coming summer season. At the end of the fall, we had some insight into the next summer. We had started to work as a team, but we couldn't pull through the crucial situations," added Coach Legg.

Summing up the season, senior Michelle Tannehill concluded, "Since we were a young team, our attitude stayed positive throughout the schedule. Hopefully, that attitude will carry onto the summer season." Keeping this strong and positive attitude, along with some needed experience, the Little Cyclones went into a tough summer schedule with promising expectations.



RUNNING HOME. Sophomore Shannon Scherr rounds third base on the way to score. Shannon was a letter winner this past summer. (Photo by Ames Tribune)

CONFERENCE. Dana Seehafer, third base, takes a trip to the mound to discuss strategy with pitcher Deb Perrin. (Photo by Anja Trebes)



CYCLONES! Lisa Lemanczyk expects a sunny day at first base. Eye black was a good way to avoid sun glare. (Photo by Anja Trebes)

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY: Front Row: Michelle Michaud, Mgr., Mark Andrews, Kent Benson, Scott Moore, Tim Hughes, Chris Hill, John Burris, Dave Voss, Scott Whigham, Jeff Burris, Greg Worley, Dave Shaw, Mgr. **Back Row:** Coach John Sletten, Paul Clem, Brad Peterson, Tom Miller, Ian Hoffman, Brian Martinson, Scott Applequist, Chris Tice, Jeff Hartman, Ben Schaefer, Jim Rougvie, Brad Atchison, John Thomas. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)



Boys' Cross Country

Experience gives strength, team brings home Metro Title

Highlighted by taking the Des Moines Metro Conference cross-country title, the boy's cross-country team excelled again in track. Walking away with many invitational crowns, Ames missed their goal of becoming the state champions. Senior Jeff Burris said, "We were all confident throughout the year. We knew we were good runners and had a chance at the state title, but a lot of mistakes at the wrong time proved to be costly."

Starting out by taking their own Ames High Invitational crown, many thought that they would cruise through the season. Leading the way were four seniors. "Our leadership took different forms. Jeff Burris led by his performances, Greg Worley led by his dedication, and Dave Voss and Scott Whigham by their desire to win. Our seniors really took charge this year," said head coach John Sletten.


Burris certainly did lead the way for his team. Highly talented as a half-miler in track, Burris also excelled in the two-mile competition. He often led the way for the team by winning the Metro Conference individual crown, and placing second in the state meet. At most meets, Ames runners obtained

second, third, and fourth places, with Burris, Worley, and Voss leading the team.

A disappointing part of this season happened when a 67-meet regular season winning streak was broken. Coach Sletten still felt that his boys ran their best races of the year. "Of the 20 runners who competed, 19 turned in their best seasonal times. It shows you that streaks can sometimes go against you," said Coach Sletten.

Ending the season with the state meet, Coach Sletten felt very confident. "Heading into the meet, we were running strong. But then the only thing I feared happened: the State meet virus. The boys were running fine, but at the last turn, the disease hit us, and we couldn't pull through." Ames finished third, behind Clinton and Marshalltown.

Coach Sletten felt that since four seniors were graduating, a new leader will have to emerge either during the off-season or the spring track season. Junior Scott Moore, who ran in his first state meet, felt the same way. "Our leadership will have to really stress team concept," Moore concluded.

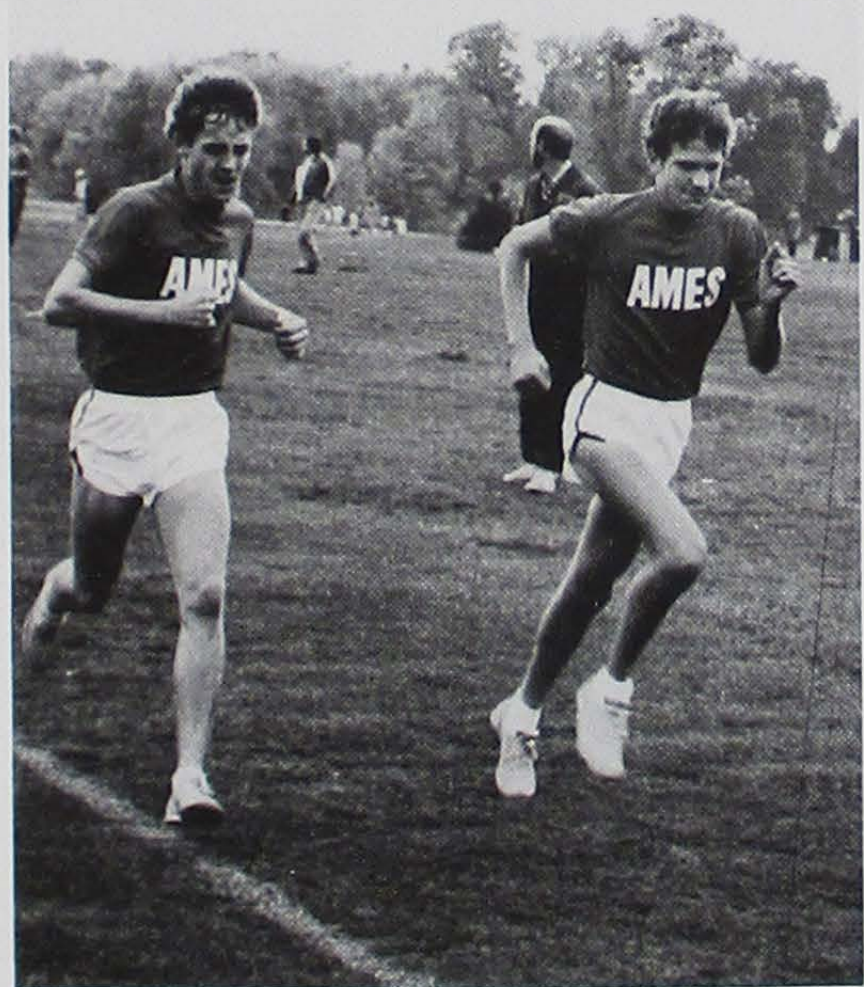


Coach John Sletten

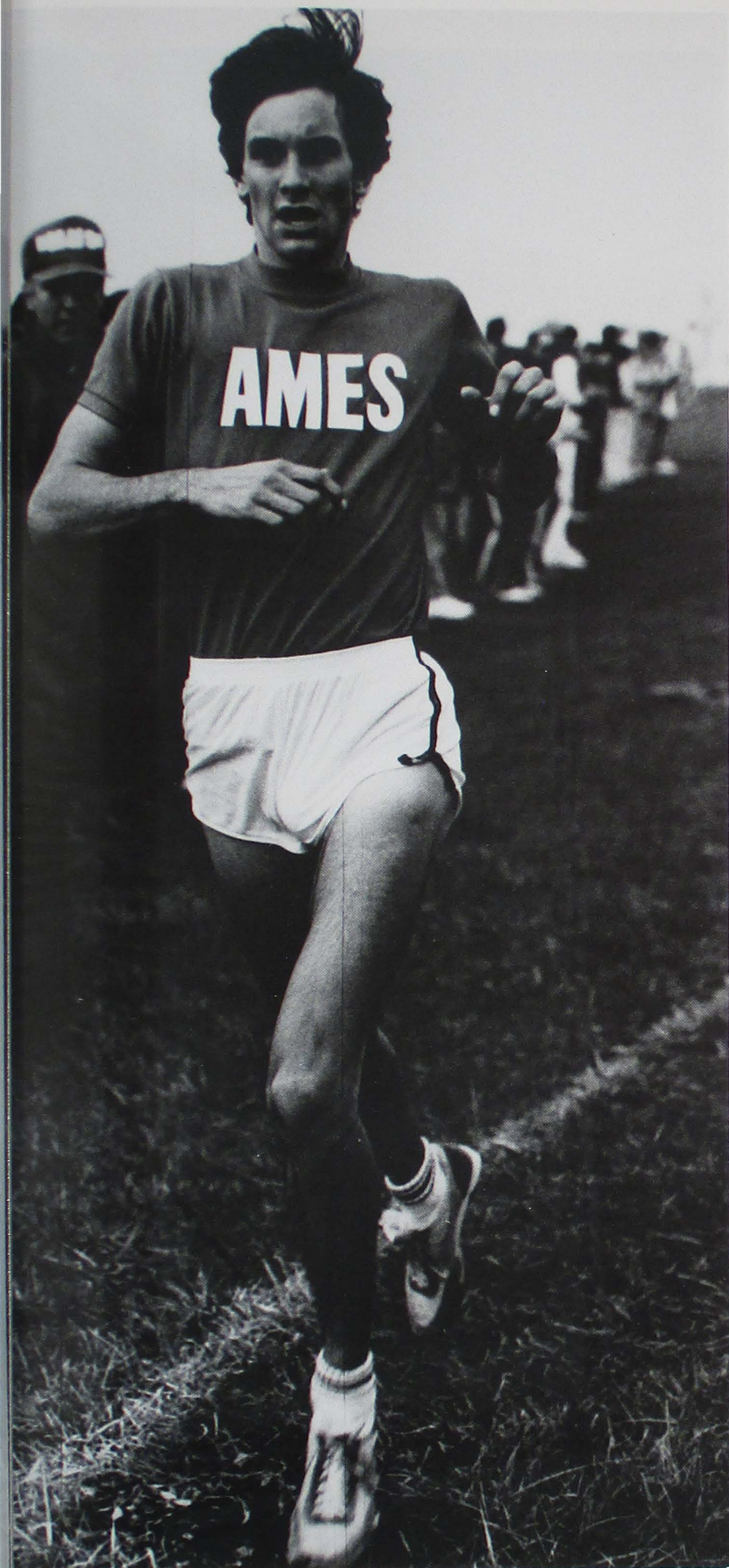
Boys' Cross Country

Six first places

Little Cyclone Invit.	1st
Cedar Rapids Invit.	1st
Tom Karp an Invit.	1st
Indianola Invit.	1st
Ankeny Invit.	3rd
McDonald's Invit.	2nd
Metro Conference	1st
District 3AAA	1st
State 3 AAA	3rd



SIDE BY SIDE. Dave Voss and Greg Worley, AHS's second and third runners, show their strength by challenging each other while heading down the finish line. (Photo by Barb Farrar)



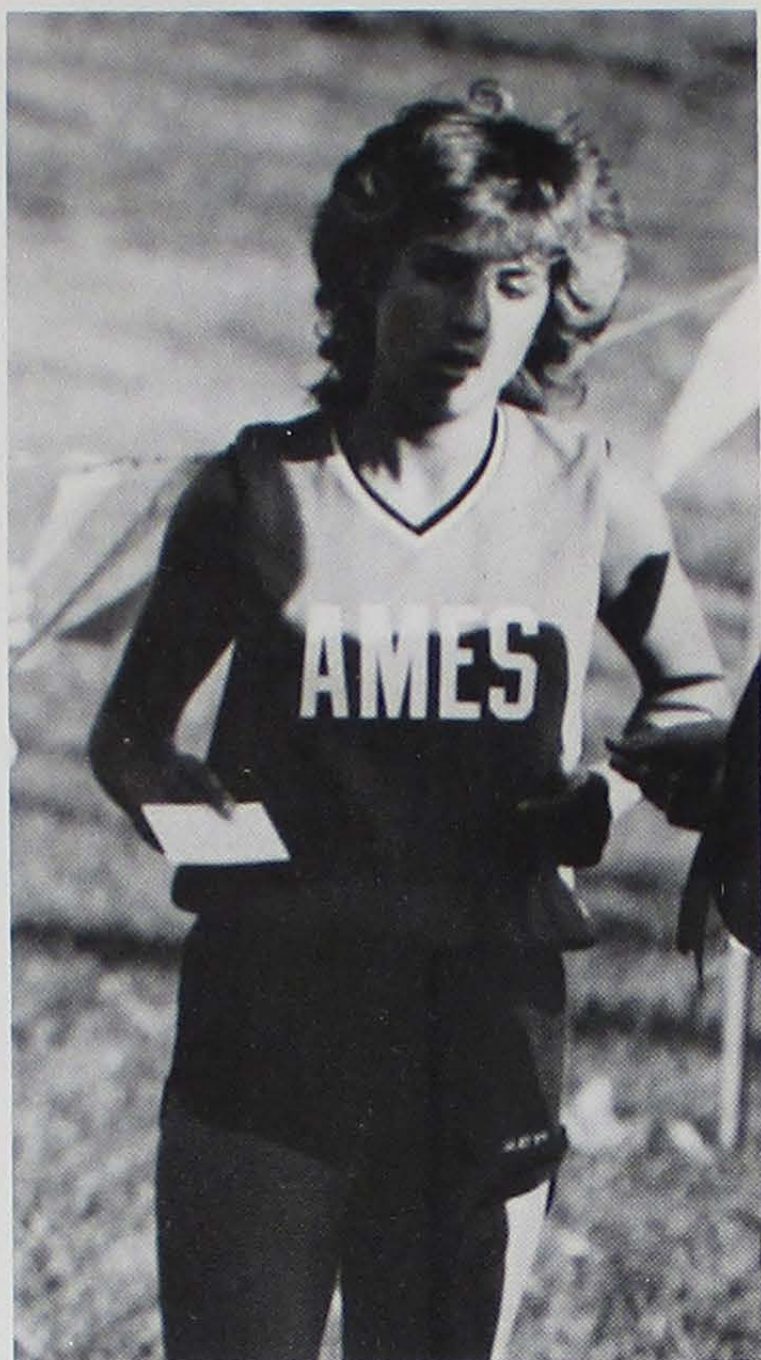
FRESHMEN CORPS. John Thomas, Brad Aitchison, Brian Martinson, and Brad Peterson take shelter during a rainstorm. Freshmen supplied the strength for many of the junior varsity meets. (Photo by Barb Farrar)



FINAL INSTRUCTIONS. Discussing race tactics, Coach John Sletten gives some last minute advice to junior Scott Moore.

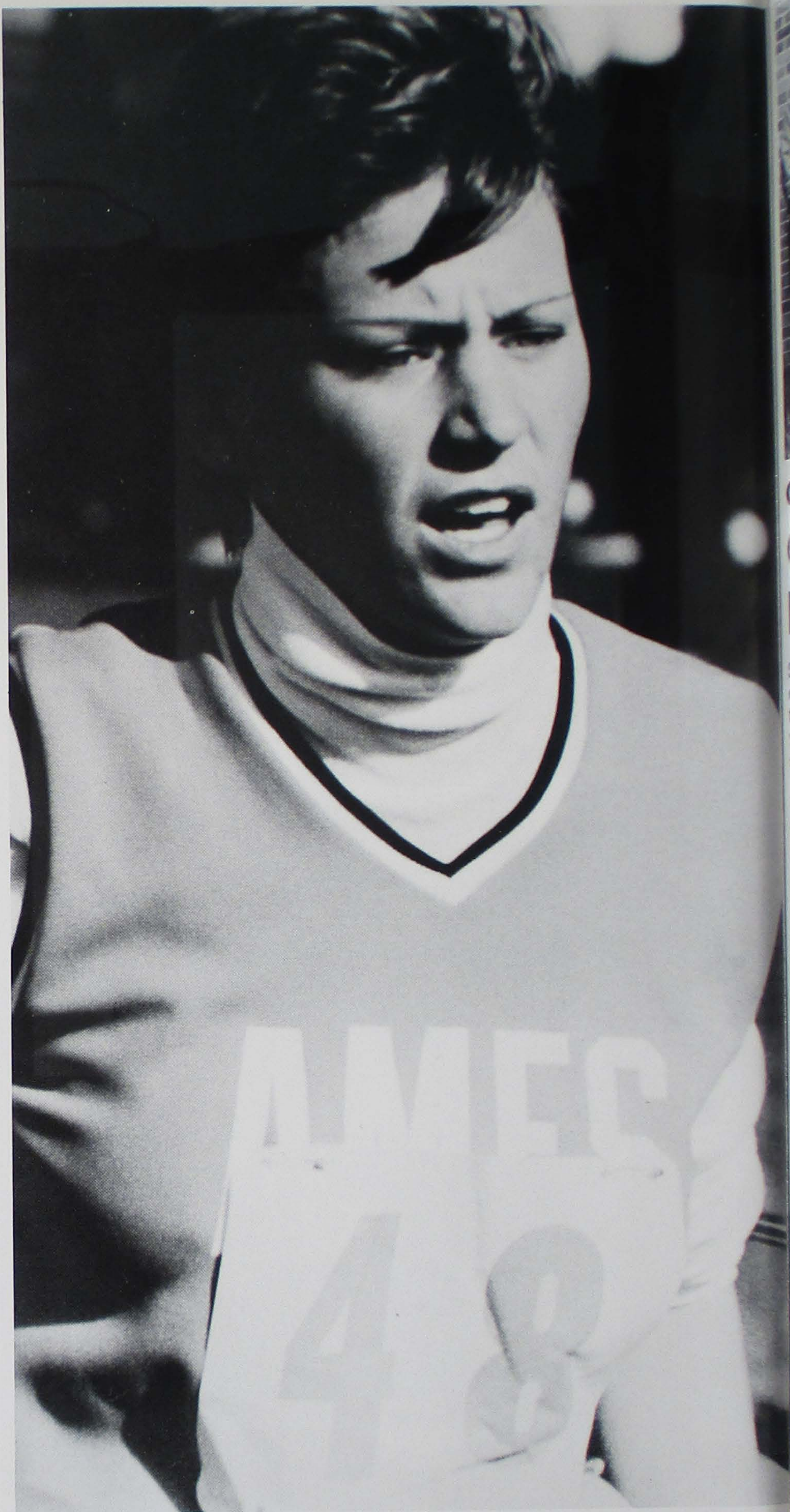
FINISHED. Senior standout Jeff Burris crosses the finish line on another strong performance. Burris's best performance, 9:49 for the two-mile course, earned him second place at the Urbandale Meet. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

IT'S OVER! Her run completed, sophomore Brit-tany Wombacher receives her time card as she rests. Wombacher helped Ames achieve first place out of the nine teams at the Urbandale Invitational. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)



TEAM EFFORT. Sophomores Jessica Hughes, Amy Sams, Laura Wassmuth, and Jill Isaacson steady their pace at the Urbandale Invitational. All four finished with their season's best time. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)

ALMOST THERE. At the state meet, senior Lori Green pushes on in the final race of her high school cross-country career. Green, rated fourth for AHS, provided leadership for the team. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)





GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY. Front Row: Julie Meeks, Laura Wassmuth, Julie Pearson, Jessica Hughes. **Second Row:** Ellen Joensen, Brittany Wombacher, Chris Sharp, Stacey Morrison. **Back Row:** Coach Kirk Schmalz, Carrie Stover, Amy Sams, Jill Isaacson, Kristie Burns, Amy Coady, Lori Birdseye, Lori Green, Manager Bonali Barua. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)

Girls' Cross-Country Conference, District titles highlight winning season

Shooting for the top, the girls cross-country team finished first in the conference and district for the second year in a row. The team also finished sixth at state.

"I was pleased with the progress that was made. Everybody came together as a team," said Coach Kirk Schmalz.

Seniors Lori Birdseye and Lori Green were the only runners to return from last season's top five. Junior Kristie Burns and sophomores Carrie Stover and Amy Coady filled in the remaining top five positions. All five were letter winners.

Although no formal team goals were set, Green felt the team's goals were "to repeat our conference and district victories, to place as well as last year at state (third), and to keep a healthy team."

"I was pleased with the girls' attitudes toward long distance running," said Coach Schmalz.

"After the first meets we got to know each other better. We got into the swing of things, and really made progress," commented Kristi Burns.

Coach Schmalz designed individual workouts for the runners so the maximum amount of progress could be made. Incoming freshmen were not expected to run at the same level as

experienced runners.

The season's highlight was winning both the conference and district meets for the second year in a row. At the Metro Conference Meet, 5th, 6th, and 8th place finishes by Burns, Birdseye, and Green respectively, led AHS to their victory.

The team won the district title, finishing 13 points ahead of second place, Sioux City Heelan.

A sixth place finish at state was a disappointment for many team members. "We were shooting for tops, but any time a team can finish sixth in the state, we should be happy," said Coach Schmalz.

Coach Schmalz felt "the girls had a good attitude going into state." Birdseye took 24th, leading AHS. Stover took 30th; Green, 39th; Burns, 57th; and Coady, 86th.

Throughout the season runners shared their joys and their problems with each other. Stover said, "This was a memorable cross-country team because we all became close friends."

Green reflected, "We had a winning season, not just a winning record. We won as a team because we were loyal to each other and encouraged each other."

Coach Kirk Schmalz

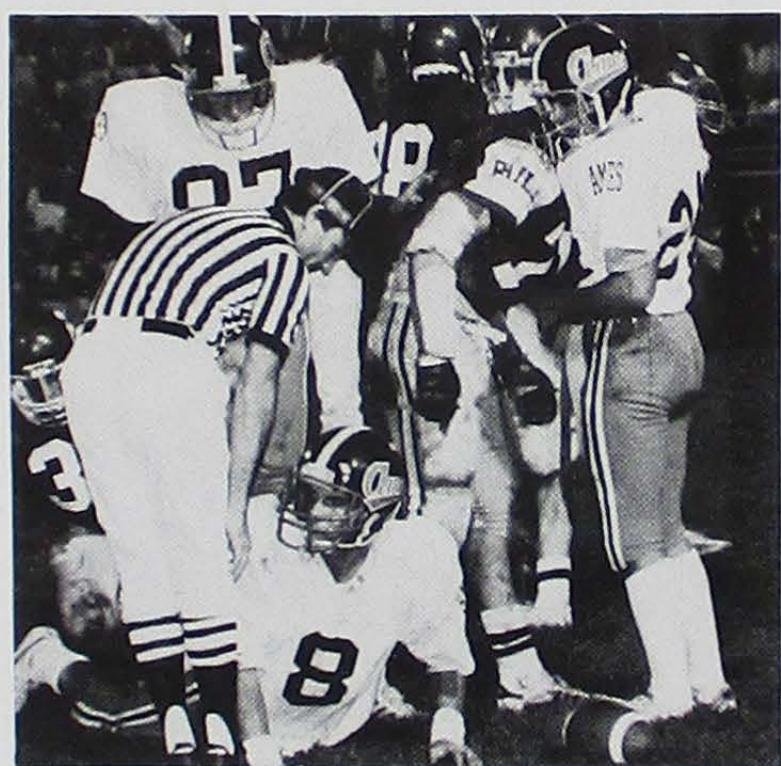
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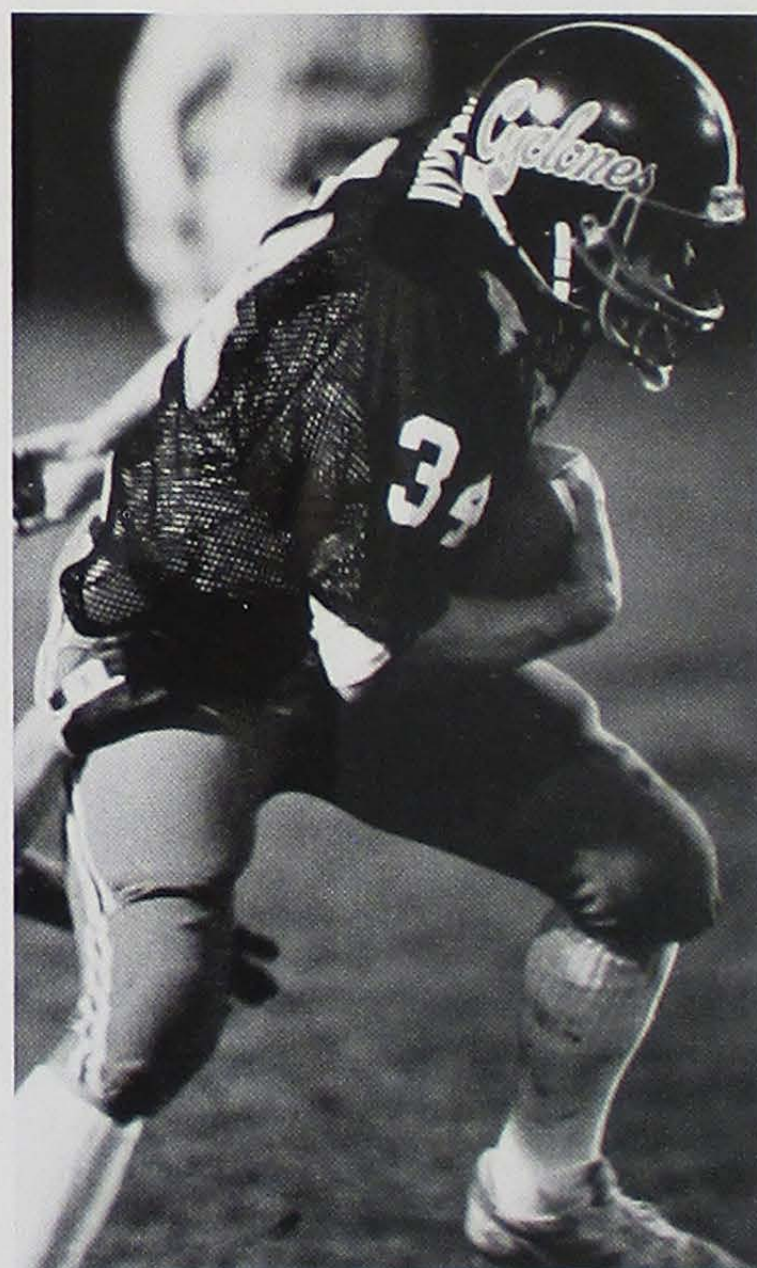
SECOND PLACE. After leading AHS to a victory with a second place finish, senior Lori Birdseye rests at Urbandale. Birdseye, a three-year letter winner, was a team leader and AHS's top runner. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)



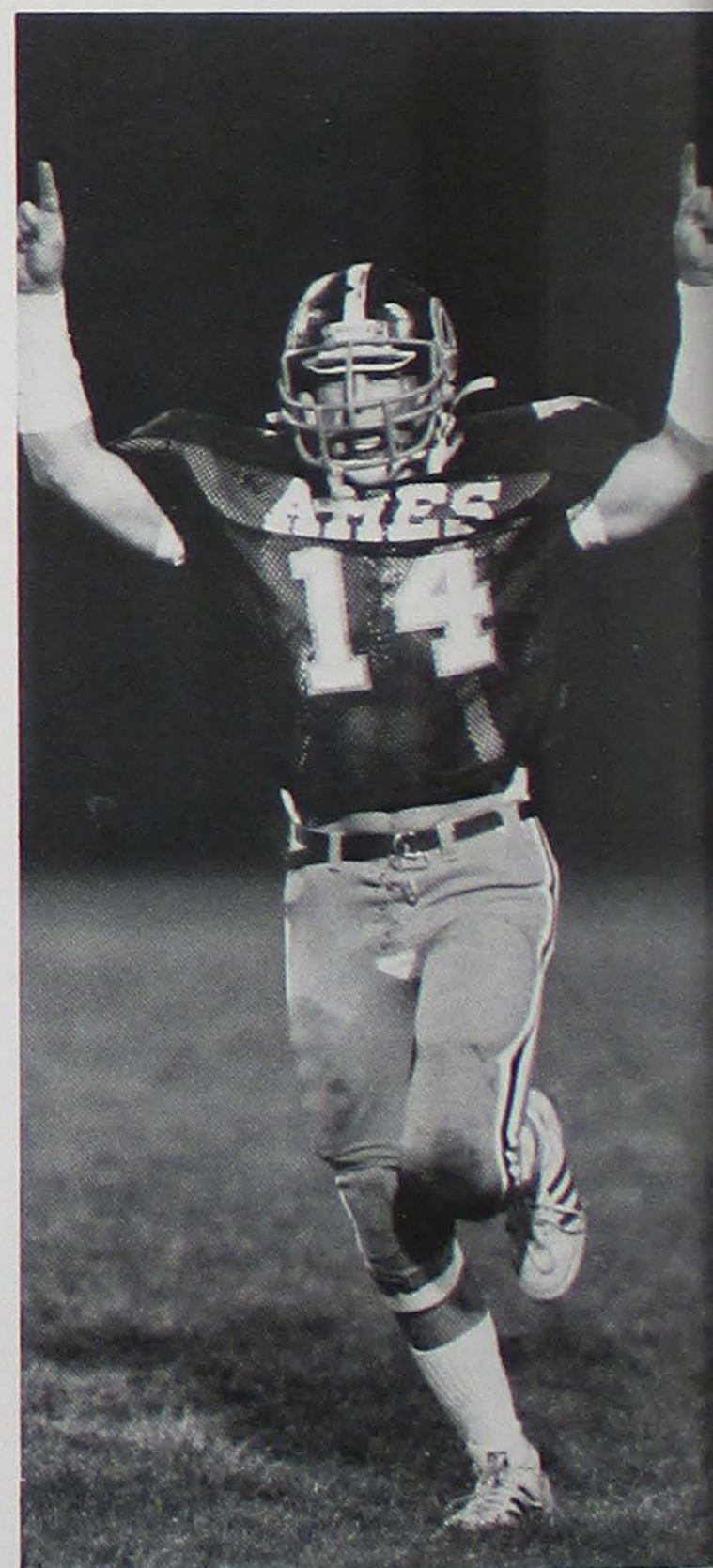
MOVING OUT. Tom Shakeshaft rolls to his right against the Roosevelt Roughriders. Shakeshaft helped defeat the Riders in overtime with a score of 28-27. (Photo by Ames Tribune)

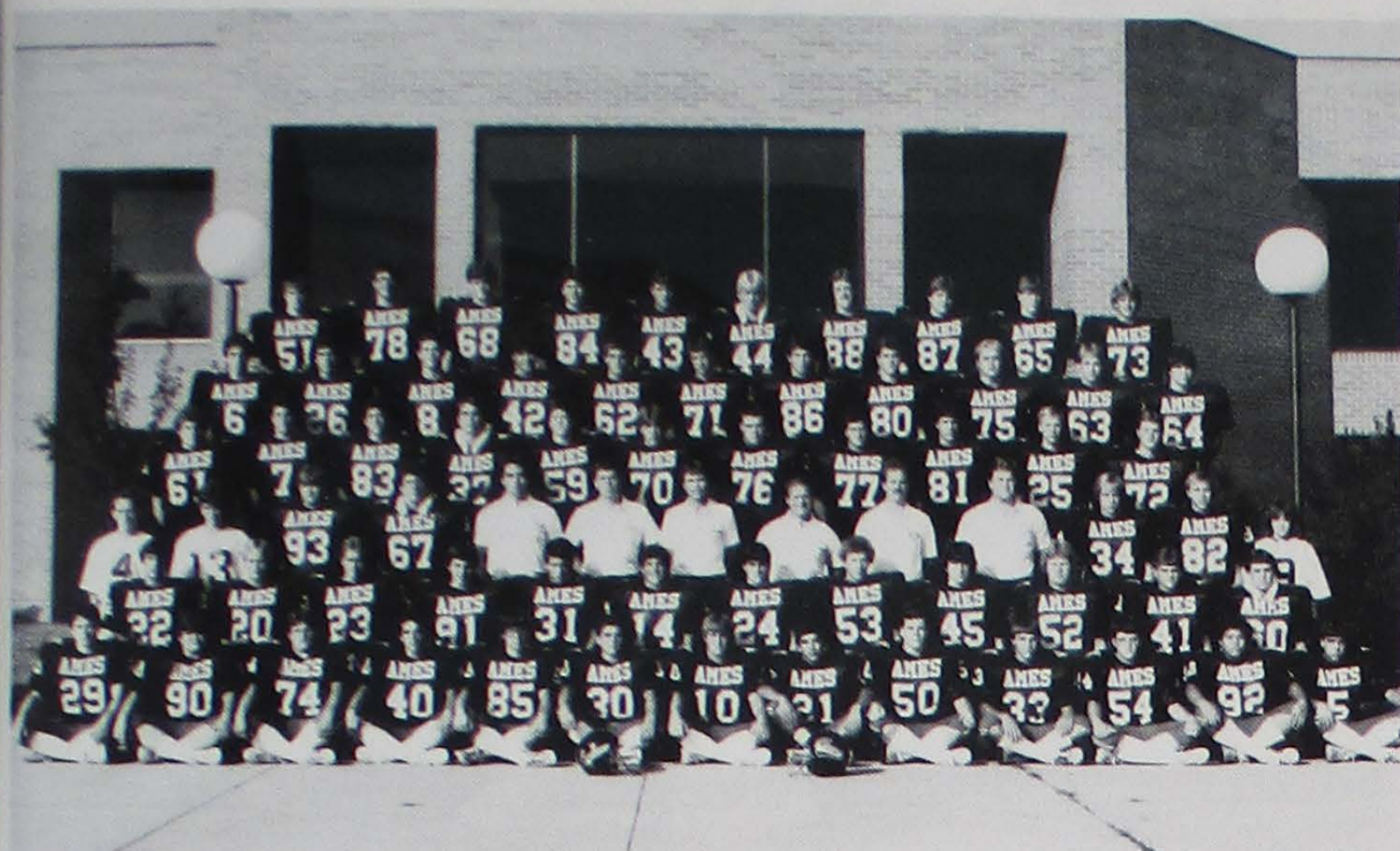
FIRST DOWN. Quarter back Tom Shakeshaft looks for the yard markers in the Lincoln game as Troy Evans and Chris Benson help him up. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

BREAKAWAY. Kurt Hockman heads for the open field against the Hoover Huskies. Hockman was one of Ames' top rushers for the past two seasons. (Photo by Ames Tribune)



CELEBRATION. Mark Criner celebrates his interception as Ames escapes the tenth-rated, Roosevelt, in a close conference battle. (Photo by Ames Tribune)





VARSITY FOOTBALL. Front Row: Joe Schweiger, Don McMillan, Tony Winkler, Bob Ellis, Scott Mahner, Chris Anderson, Bret Posegate, Erich Ludes, Jim Pepper, Doug Greiner, Dennis Crabb, Marc Saddler, Bill Norris. **Second Row:** Kevin Hansen, Jeff Bundy, Tom Lichtenberg, Kevin Wolters, Darren Milliken, Mark Criner, Chris Benson, Mark Tondra, Carl Greiner, Rich Holst, Bob Thompson, Chris Maze. **Third Row:** Geoff Goudy mgr., Denise Anderson mgr., Jeff Reid, Tom Hofer, Coach Mike Flummerfelt, Coach Carl Pelzer, Head Coach Kirk Daddow, Coach Bob Jeffreys, Coach Todd Johnson, Coach Kevin Allen, Kurt Hockman, Dave White, Julie Jorgenson mgr. **Fourth Row:** Jeff Johnson, Bob Cox, Gerrit Vandewetering, Matt Walsh, Tim Stenberg, Martin Kemp, Bob Metzger, John Russo, Erick Lundy, Jerry Hill, Mark Pelzer. **Fifth Row:** Jamie Elleby, Bob Devens, Tom Shakeshaft, Charles Vondra, Ray Smalling, Pat McCracken, Dave Schlapia, Matt Jones, Chuck Arnold, Rich Humphery, Bruce Jarvis. **Back Row:** Dave Stokka, Matt Carney, Mike Whitney, Chris Sabus, Bruce Bailey, Doug Glock, Marty Kiser, Troy Evans, Chuck Knox, John Newell.

Varsity Football

Consecutive wins pull out first division finish

Heading into the 1984 football season, Head Coach Kirk Daddow didn't know what to expect. "In all my years coaching, I knew less about this team heading into the first ball game than ever before," said the third year coach. And after the first three games, he still didn't know.

Taking into consideration that the first four teams Ames played were rated in the Top 10, Ames still came out above water. Coach Daddow compared the opponents as starting out with the Hawkeyes, then playing Nebraska and Oklahoma- all national powerhouses in the college rankings. Senior Charles Vondra, a standout at AHS for the past two years added, "Fort Dodge, Valley, and Dowling were all ready tough teams. Our team showed how tough we were though, when we came back and won our last four games."

The gridders started out on the wrong track, losing their first three games. Then at Homecoming, against Roosevelt (the 10th ranked team in the state), Ames pulled an upset in overtime, 28-27. "Beating the Roughriders really told our team that we could play with anyone in the Metro Conference," said junior linebacker Doug Glock. Ames finished with a winning

season and a first division spot in the conference with a 5-4 record.

On the offensive side, senior Tom Shakeshaft completed 65 of 155 passes. Senior Chris Benson caught 25 passes, to lead the conference in receiving. Charles Vondra was the team's leading rusher with 661 yards for a 4.9 yard per carry average.

Defensively, Vondra and senior Mark Criner had 78 and 59 tackles, respectively. Bob Devens and Kevin Hansen each had 4 interceptions to lead the secondary. "Our defense was probably the most consistent aspect of our team this year. It helped us in a lot of tight situations, and I was glad to be a part of it," said Devens.

Closing out the season with four consecutive wins, including a season ending 35-0 thumping over arch-rival Marshalltown, gave momentum for the team to carry on to next year. With some help from an undefeated sophomore team, junior Tim Stenberg had high hopes for the 1985 season. "I think we have the talent to have another successful season, and a berth to the '85 State Playoffs. We know what it takes to get it done, and I just hope we can do it," concluded Stenberg.

HOLD IT!! Mark Criner and Mark Pelzer stop the Valley Tiger runningback as he enters Cyclone territory. Both Criner and Pelzer had an excellent defensive season. (Photo by Ames Tribune)

Coach Kirk Daddow

Varsity Football

Won 5, Lost 4



Ames		Opp.	
7	Fort Dodge	21	
0	WDM Valley	7	OT
14	WDM Dowling	28	
28	Roosevelt	27	OT
7	Lincoln	12	
41	North-Tech	0	
27	Hoover	6	
14	East	0	
35	Marshalltown	0	



Sophomore Football

Unity — key to Sophs' undefeated season

To be unbeaten, the goal all teams strive for. The sophomore football team did just that in winning nine games and losing none. Thus, it became the first undefeated football team at Ames High in over 20 years.

Unity was a major factor according to Head Coach Dale Tramp. "The team was a unified, cohesive group, being friends both on and off the field," he said.

The sophomores finished the season with a climactic victory over long-time rival Marshalltown, 29-6. A week earlier they had clinched the Metro Conference Championship with a win over East 50-6, to finish 7-0 in conference play.

Quarterback John Glotfelty led an offensive unit that, according to Coach Tramp, could score at almost any moment. To make up for their lack of size, the offense was designed for the squad's quickness. "The offensive line was nothing but great. They took pride in how much damage they could do," said the coach.

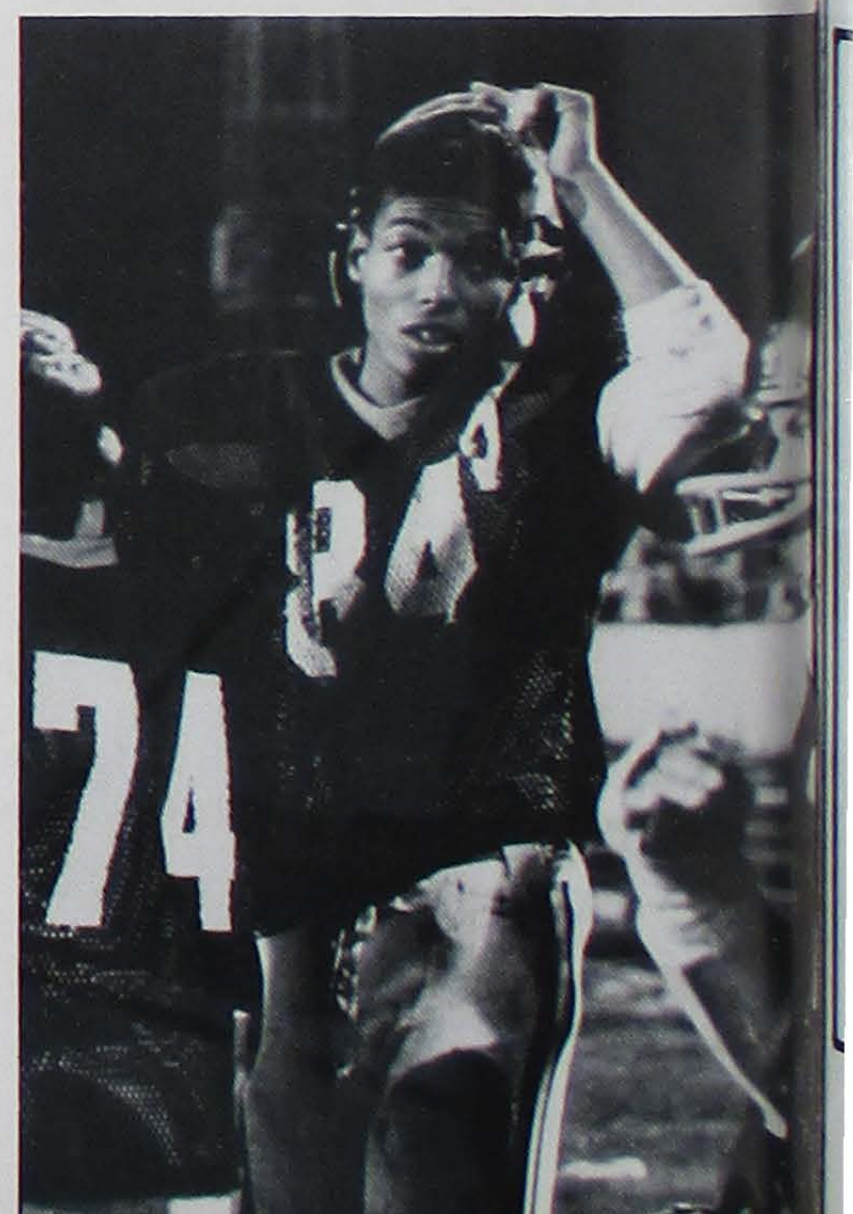
Complementing Glotfelty in the backfield were tailbacks Jeff L. Johnson and Todd Coe. Fullback Don Erbach was "one of the better fullbacks I've had," the 25th year coach said. Dan Knight was Ames' leading receiver and made many very crucial receptions.

Defensively, the team started slow, then gained momentum as the season progressed. "The defense took pride in keeping up with the offensive unit. They didn't want to let them down," said Coach Tramp.

The defensive secondary was solid throughout the campaign, led by many very good athletes. According to Coach Tramp, the line was the biggest surprise. Many times they were much smaller than the opposition but their pride and determination kept them going. "When the offense scored, it inspired the defense to play all that much tougher," said Coach Tramp.

Jeff L. Johnson summed it up best by saying "I think this will be a season everyone will remember."

SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL. Front Row: Drew Pohar, Chuck Thomas, Troy Thomas, Greg Johnson, George Kezerle, Brent Klaiber, Jason Miller, Jeff Ellsworth, Mike Ellertson. **Second Row:** Neil Sturtz, Rob Cain, Scott Moreland, Will Showers, Steve Mason, Chris Austin, Jeff Johnson, Jeff L. Johnson, Dean Shoemaker, Troy Theilen. **Third Row:** Tim Doty, Mark Hettinga, Dale Shahan, Keith Peterson, Coach Tim Mooney, Coach Dale Tramp, Coach Jim Duea, Craig Weltha, Kevin Hillock, Tony Bennett, Joel Bunde. **Fourth Row:** Matt Aitchison, Mark Hanson, William Johnson, Todd Coe, David Clemow, Steve Nichol, Dave Pady, Troy Heathman, Steve Flugrad, Brad Taylor. **Fifth Row:** Derek Clarke, Mike Devan, Steve Hoiberg, Mark Grier, Scott East, John Glotfelty, Brett Carney, Ethan Stienstra, Doug Malcom. **Back Row:** Dan Knight, Paul Weltha, Ken Latuska, Don Erbach, Mark Williams, Joe Rogers. **Not Pictured:** Eric Ewing, Dave Pietsch, Coach Bill Reed, Coach Willie Bodrey.



WHAT'S UP? Tightend Dan Knight takes a breather while the defense takes command. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)



TAKIN' A BREAK. Brad Taylor discusses strategy with Steve Flugad while taking a break against Marshalltown. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven).

BEAR HUNTIN'. Steve Mason tackles a North-Tech player for a loss in Ames' 40-0 romp past the Polar Bears. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)



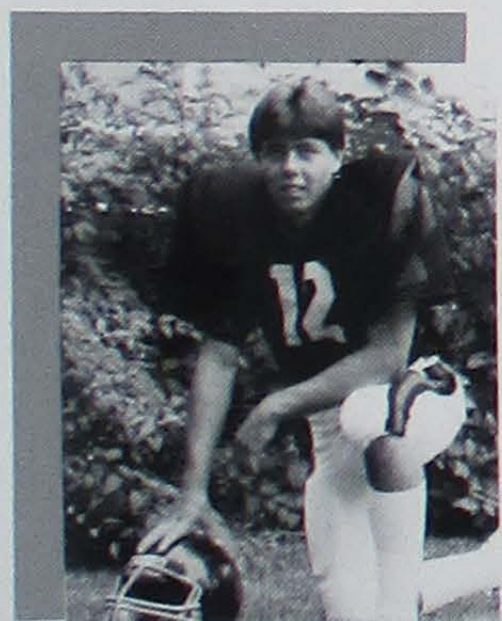
Coach Dale Tramp

Sophomore Football
Won 9, Lost 0



AHS		Opp.
25	Fort Dodge	6
22	WDM Valley	7
21	WDM Dowling	20
20	Roosevelt	0
21	Lincoln	0
40	North-Tech	0
46	Hoover	14
50	East	6
29	Marshalltown	6

Metro Conference champs go 9-0



John Glotfelty

I think everyone on our football team had a fun year. Everyone got to play and I think we all learned a lot.

Going 9-0 capped off a great season that we had a part in. During the first part of the year we were kind of nervous and really didn't know how well we would, or could, perform.

Then towards the middle of the season, after we were 5-0, we started to get a little big-headed. Coach Tramp

and Coach Duea let us know how they felt about that, and then it wasn't such a problem.

Towards the end of the year, we still had it in the back of our heads that we could go 9-0 and I think this got us emotionally up for each game that remained.

Sophomore football was great, and I think we will all have good memories of it.

John Glotfelty

Sophomore Time-Out

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT. Adjusting her goggles, Jodi Richard gets ready for another workout. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)



TALKING IT OVER. At Districts, Heidi Nass discusses the results with her teammates. (Photo by Mr. David Lendt)

HERE'S THE SCOOP. At State, Coach Wittmer shows Susan Litchenberg what the competition's like. (Photo by Mr. David Lendt)





GIRLS' SWIMMING. **Front Row:** Katharine Middleton, Sally Lendt. **Second Row:** Susan Litchenberg, Jodi Richard. **Third Row:** Susan Dinsmore, Kelly Criner, Suzi Coolbaugh, Mari Wittmer, Abby Moore, Kristen Comstock, Kris Cakerice. **Back Row:** Susan Smithson, Amy Thompson, Heidi Nass, Dee Hummel, Stacy Staller, Heather Cravens, Amy Burrell, Lois MacVey. **Not Pictured:** Kim Ziebolt, Lori Sposito, Sue Bernard, Kathy Moore, Jill Peterson, Susan Lane, Kris Reynolds.

Girls' Swimming

Swimmers take Districts for second time in school history

The district meet seemed to be the high point of the girls' swimming season.

The decision of the 13-team district swimming meet came down to the last event, the 400-yard freestyle relay. The Cyclones won the event and after having a close meet with the Marshalltown Bobcats, went home with a first place trophy for their district. Senior Kathy Moore commented on the meet, "We had lots of team spirit, which had a big impact on our performance at Districts."

The Ames High tankers tied for second place in the Metro Conference, along with Valley and Roosevelt high schools. Sophomore Kymm Ziebolt said, "Although we lost the Roosevelt meet, it wasn't a big deal. Since we'd beaten Valley and they (Roosevelt) hadn't, they were forced to be more 'up' for the meet."

The swimmers competed outside of the Metro twice, against Fort Dodge and Boone. They won these meets, ending the year with a 7-2 dual meet record. Junior Mari Wittmer said, "We're proud of our record. I feel like we really hung in there."

Five girls qualified for the meet in eleven events. The meet was held at Fort Dodge High School, where Ames finished in ninth place. Mari Wittmer said, "Although we didn't swim as well at

State as we'd hoped, we still had a productive season."

The team was young. Eight seniors had graduated the year before, but there were many new members to take their place. Almost half of the team had never competed in high school swimming before. Senior Kris Reynolds, a new addition to the team, said, "I didn't realize how many laps I'd actually be swimming everyday. All of the yardage along with the weights really wiped me out."

At their peak, the tankers were swimming 4000 yards in the morning and 6000 yards in the afternoon. The idea behind the hard practices was to make tapering off more effective. When the amount of swimming was cut down, the girls were supposedly more energetic and had a better mental attitude as the State meet approached. "For a while you're tired all the time," commented sophomore Suzi Coolbaugh. "But then it's time for Districts and your yardage is cut in half."

Coach Mike Wittmer summed up the year by saying, "Obviously we have to be somewhat pleased with the fact that we tied for second in the Metro. Also we were happy to win our district meet. It was only the second time we've won our district meet in the history of Ames High girls' swimming."

Coach Mike Wittmer



Girls' Swimming

Won 7, Lost 2

Ames		Opp.
71	D.M. Hoover	101
118	D.M. East	52
112	Boone	60
105	D.M. North	67
123	Fort Dodge	48
91	W.D.M. Valley	81
126	D.M. Lincoln	46
101	W.D.M. Dowling	71
79	D.M. Roosevelt	93
2nd	Little Cyclone Invit.	
2nd	Metro Conference	
1st	Districts	
9th	State	



PSYCHING UP. At a home meet, senior captain Sally Lendt prepares for the 100-yard freestyle race. Lendt was also a member of the relay team which placed fourth at the State meet. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)

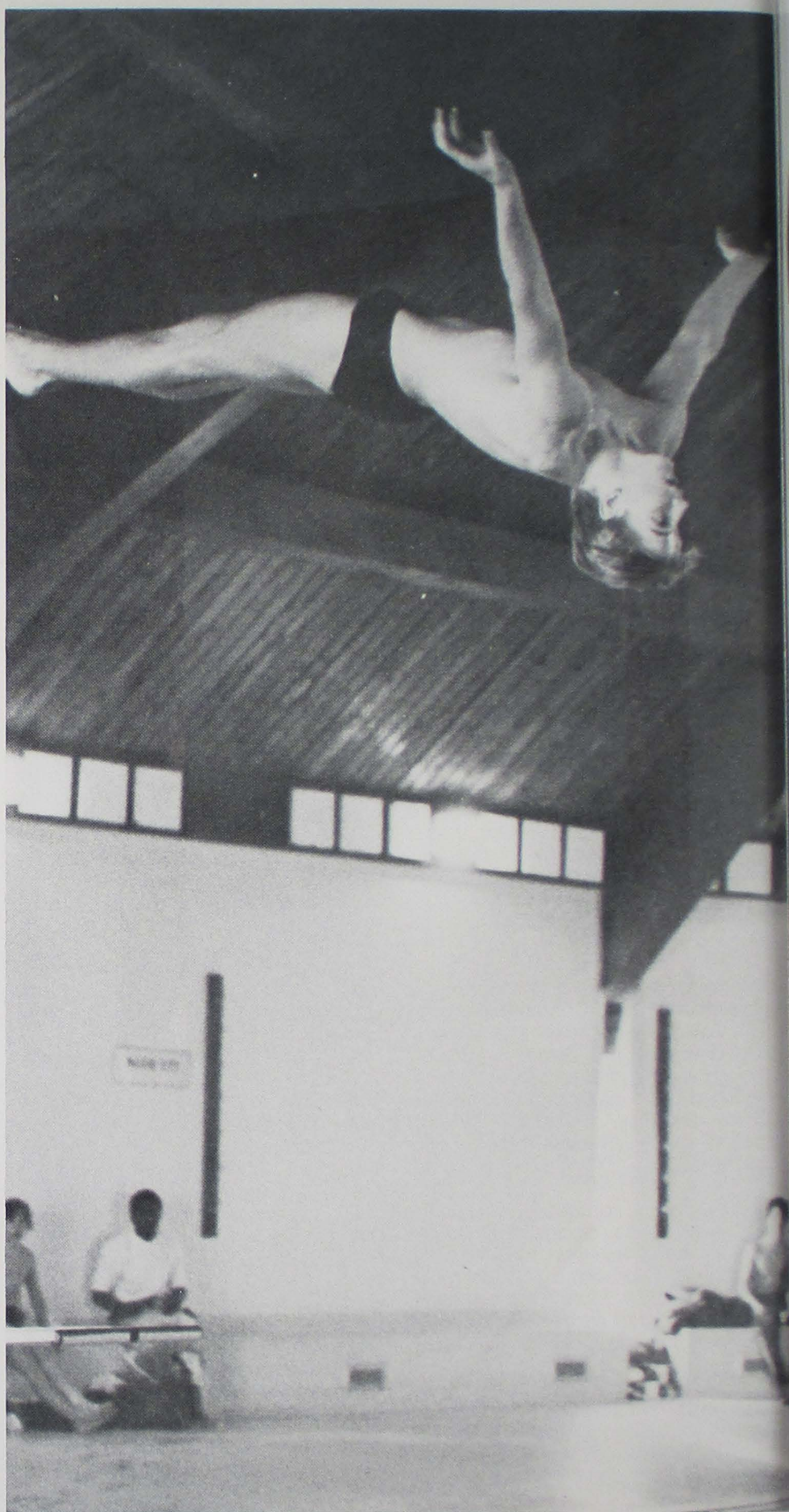
TAKING A BREATH. Swimming the 200 yard individual medley at State was one of junior Matt Arcy's specialities. (Photo by Ames Tribune)

TIRED OUT. Waiting for results after the longest race of the day, the 500 freestyle, senior Shannon McCoy hangs on the side of the pool. (Photo by Amy Bleyle)



SIGH OF RELIEF. After finishing the 50 yard freestyle at the Ames Invitational, junior Bruce Mulder waits for his time. The Ames team finished first at the meet. (Photo by the Ames Tribune)

FLYING PHIL. A back dive layout position was one of junior Phil Bishop's best dives, and helped contribute to his State title. (Photo by Ames Tribune)





BOYS' SWIMMING Front Row: Manager Eric Sallsbury, Chris Swanson, Dwight Bergles, Bruce Mulder, Phil Bishop, Tom Lichtenberg. **Second Row;** Mike Abelson, Steve Dinsmore, Bob Smithson, Kevin Doerschug, David Clemow, Trent Powell, Jo Gohman, Mike Hilmer. **Back Row;** Manager Robert Yoerger, Erik Bear, Shannon McCoy, Achih Chen, John Longwell, Pat Gibbons, Matt Arcy, Frank Pipitone. **Not Pictured:** Matt Wittmer, manager Suzi Coolbaugh, manager Mari Wittmer. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

Boys' Swimming

Eleven qualify for State Bishop wins diving title

The difference between first and second place at the Iowa High School Diving Championships was one hundred and four points. Taking that lead was junior diver Phil Bishop.

"Phil's winning State (diving competition) this year was definitely one of the highlights we had this season," said head swimming coach Mike Wittmer.

Another highlight came during district competition. The swimmers won the seven-team swim meet by 100 points and went on to send 11 to State.

Among those going to State was junior freestyler Dwight Bergles. He was one of the top finishers of the swim team at State. He swam to two sixth place finishes in the 50 and 100-yard freestyle along with anchoring the 4x100 yard freestyle relay. Bergles' finishing points helped the team to its ninth place finish at the State Meet.

"I was really happy about the way I competed at State this year. My finishes happened to be personal bests, but I think being one of the few to stay healthy all season was a big help at the State meet," commented Bergles.

Staying healthy was a big problem for the Little Cyclone swimmers. As a result the season went differently than expected. "I was really surprised

about the number of swimmers who got sick this season, but most of all I was impressed with the way everyone hung in there and got it together near the end of the season," said assistant coach Tom Griffin.

Several swimmers fell victim to the flu bug. Due to this epidemic, many swimmers missed crucial practices, swim meets, and spent season time out of the water. "It was kind of a frustrating season with everyone getting sick (and missing practices), but now that I look back on the hard work, it was well worth it," stated senior freestyler Shannon McCoy.

The swimmers won their way into a positive season as far as dual meets were concerned. The Little Cyclones won six and lost two dual meets. Included in the wins was the meet against Roosevelt which resulted in a score of 88-84 in total team points.

"Next year I feel we can be State contenders if everyone stays healthy and works real hard in the off-season," commented Wittmer.

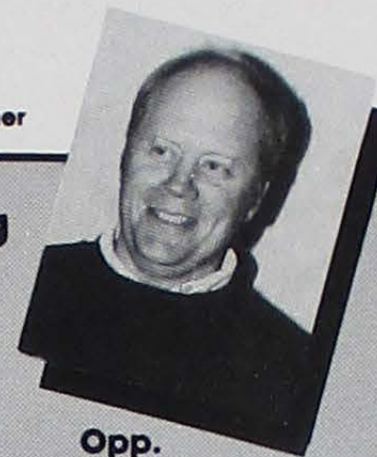
The swim team only lost four seniors; Steve Dinsmore, Shannon McCoy, Trent Powell, and Bob Smithson, but will have nine replacements for next year's season.

Coach Mike Wittmer

Boys' Swimming

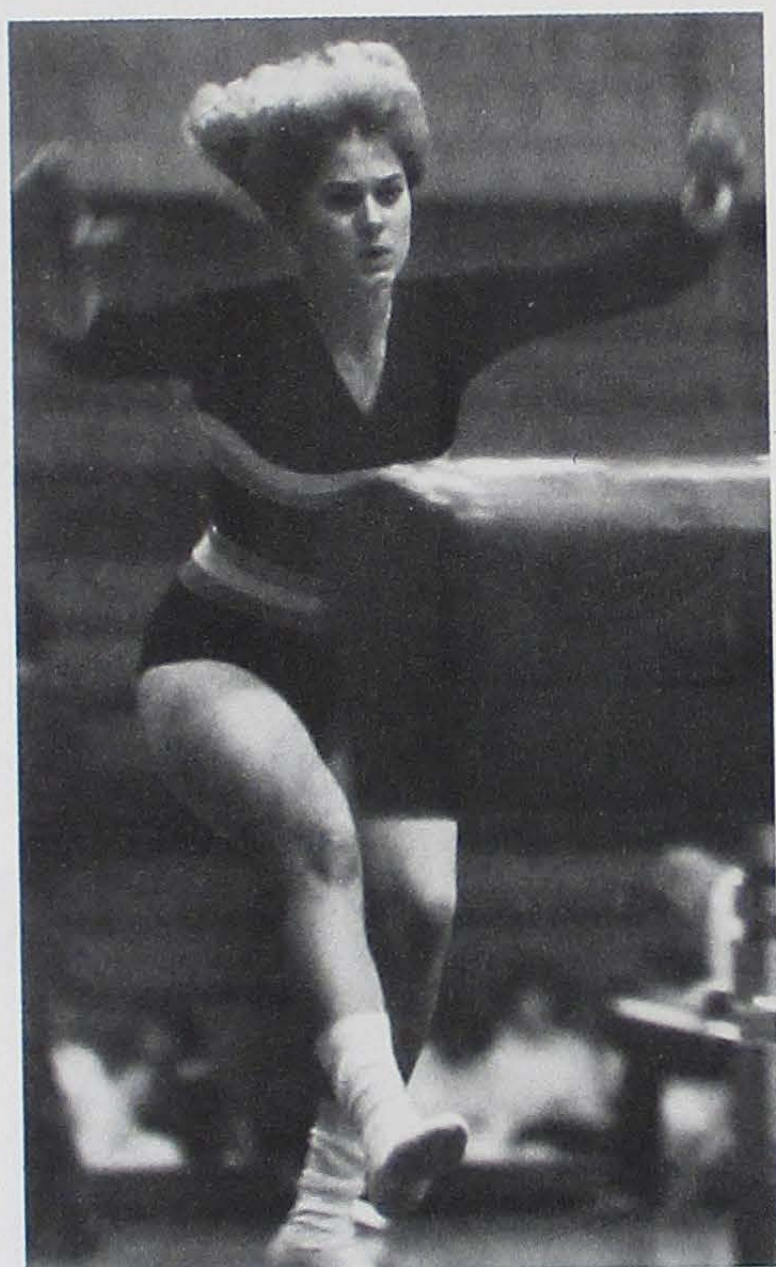
Won 6, Lost 2

AHS		Opp.
124	D.M. East	48
117	Fort Dodge	52
119	D.M. Lincoln	52
118	D.M. Dowling	54
84	D.M. Roosevelt	80
80	D.M. Valley	92
126	D.M. North	45
80	D.M. Hoover	92
2nd	Bobcat Invite	
2nd	Ames Invite	
1st	Ames Relays	
4th	Fort Dodge Invite	
3rd	Metro Conference	
1st	Districts	
9th	State	



TALKING IT UP. After the final race of the day, seniors Steve Dinsmore and Shannon McCoy exchange stories about the meet. (Photo by Amy Bleyle)

POISE REQUIRED. On beam routines junior Rochelle Amudson was a team stand-out. Many gymnasts felt the beam was the most difficult event in the meet. (Photo by Ames Tribune)



UP AND OVER. With a careful approach, senior Susan Dyer prepares to vault. Dyer consistently scored high in team competitions. (Photo by Ames Tribune)

CONCENTRATION. A beam routine requires all of senior Anne Dougan's skill. In the all-around competition Dougan was ranked second in the State. (Photo by Ames Tribune)





GYMNASTICS. Front Row: Jody Bergen, Kim Buhman, Rachel Wilt, Susan Dyer, Jeni Kennedy, Shelly Johansen, Jenny Beitz. **Second Row:** Kerrie Archbold, Stacy Hutchinson, Jana Lynott, Julie Abel, Susan Lane, Rochelle Amundson. **Back Row:** Assistant Coach Jim Carpenter, Anne Dougan, Andrea Crull, Becky Bishop, Alisa Black, Kathy Trahanovsky, Leah Pease, Kris Bergman, Head Coach Amy McGivern.

Gymnastics

Dougan leads gymnasts, team places fifth at State

"Making it to State and doing well at State highlighted the season," said head gymnastics coach Amy McGivern.

Prior to placing fifth at State, the team earned an 8-0 dual meet record, won the Metro Conference Title, received second place at the Sectional meet, and third at Regionals.

Senior Anne Dougan, a four-time competitor in the State all-around contest, captured the all-around titles of the Metro Conference, Sectional, and Regional meets as well as fourth place at State. Throughout the season, Dougan led the team in scoring. She recorded a season-high of 36.65 (out of 40 possible points) in the all-around competition at the Des Moines East meet.

Seniors Susan Dyer and Alisa Black, juniors Rochelle Amundson and Shelly Johansen, sophomores Kerrie Archbold and Jana Lynott, and freshmen Jenny Beitz and Jody Bergen also competed at State.

The season started fairly strong due to several incoming freshmen and the loss of only two seniors from the previous year. "The team depended a lot more on freshmen than in past years," said Dougan, referring especially to Beitz and Bergen.

Returning letterwinners Dougan, Dyer, Amundson and junior Susan Lane also gave the team a firm start.

Ames was plagued by injuries throughout the season. At some meets, the team competed without key gymnasts who were sidelined due to sprained ankles, the flu, and other ailments. Lane sat out of the season's final three weeks with a broken bone in her hand. "The injuries forced the back-up people to compete quite often at meets," said Coach McGivern.

The team scored an average of 127.43 points a meet and put together a season-high of 132.05 at DM East. These scores were about 30-35 points fewer than in previous years because tumbling was dropped from Iowa prep meets.

"The Metro was not an extremely tough conference," commented Lynott. However, Ames was challenged by teams such as Linn-Mar, Clinton, Bettendorf and Mason City. Team members were especially pleased with their victory over Marshalltown, a competitive team in previous years.

Coach McGivern concluded that much improvement was made by the end of the season. Despite injuries and a young team, the gymnasts, who were led by Dougan, finished the season with a near-perfect record.

CONGRATULATIONS. A first-place finish on the uneven bars earns senior Anne Dougan a hug from junior Susan Lane at the Regional meet. (Photo by Ames Tribune.)

Coach Amy McGivern

GYMNASTICS

Won 8, Lost 0

Ames

122.90
124.20
128.75
125.35
125.35
125.15
130.20
132.05
2nd
3rd
5th

Lincoln
WDM Dowling
Cedar Falls
WDM Valley
Ankeny
Marshalltown
Hoover
East
Sectional
Regional
State

Opp.

96.25
116.75
115.95
122.00
115.35
124.10
118.80
103.80



WRESTLING. Front Row: Andy Flynn, Brian Buhman, Bobby Thompson, Sean Watt, Chad Bauman, Mike Hawbaker, Charlie Ganske, Scott Bundy, Matt Carney, Brett Carney. **Back Row:** Mark Rogers, Jeff Johnson, Joe Rogers, Dave Beitz, Mike Millsapps, Doug Ward, Doug Greiner, Paul Weltha, Brad Shaw, Alan Dougherty, Mark Pelzer, Knut Morken, Dan Koch, Tom Fleener, Bobby Metzger, Rich Humphrey, Bruce Jarvis, Troy Heathman, Will Showers, Don McMillen, Jason Miller, Jamey Sharp, Chris Bernard, Eric Ludes. **Not Pictured:** Jeff Reid, Jeff Johannes, Tom Hofer, Brent Buxton, Hank Nakadate, Shawn Christenson, Jeff Ellsworth, Troy Thomas. (Photo by Erin Andersen)



Coach Jack Mendenhall

Wrestling

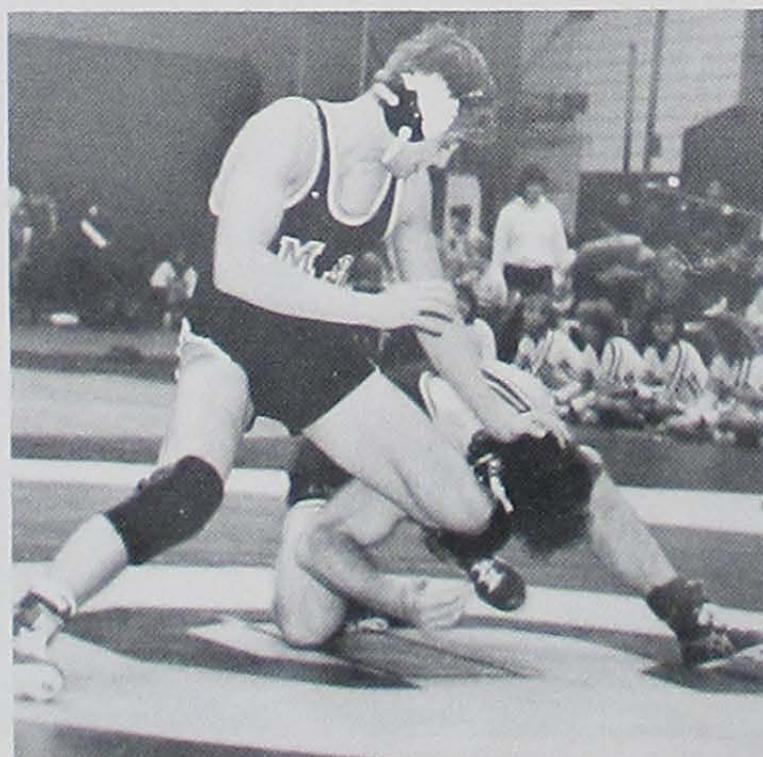
Won 7, Lost 5

AHS

53	Carroll Kuemper
40	Boone
36	D.M. East
51	D.M. Lincoln
21	Mason City
10	W.D.M. Dowling
50	D.M. Roosevelt
15	W.D.M. Valley
17	Marshalltown
35	D.M. North Tech
26	D.M. Hoover
17	Fort Dodge
4th	Osage Quadrangular
5th	W.D.M. Valley Invit.
6th	Fort Dodge Invit.
6th	Ames Invit.
4th	District Meet
12th	State Tournament

Opp.

20
21
19
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Wrestling

In spite of tough opponents, four juniors go to State

The Ames High wrestling team performed "better than expected" according to head coach Jack Mendenhall. The Little Cyclones finished third in the conference behind Metro champs West Des Moines Dowling and West Des Moines Valley. It was to be a rebuilding year as the squad had lost more than half its starters in 1984.

Tough opponents filled the schedule as Ames went 7-5 in dual meet competition. "We schedule tough teams to give us better competition, so it's hard to judge wins and losses," Mendenhall said. Some of Ames' foes were state champions Fort Dodge, Mason City, Osage, Dowling and Valley - all known as perennial powerhouses.

At times during the season, the team showed some inconsistencies that could be attributed to the squad's lack of experience. Of the 13 weight classes, only three were filled by seniors: Dan Koch (138), Rich Humphrey (167) and Bruce Jarvis (185). "This was a very young team experience-wise. Most had little, if any, varsity experience before," said Mendenhall.

"Since there weren't many of us (seniors) we had to show our leadership. I think a lot of guys looked for us to lead since we had been through it all be-

fore," Koch said.

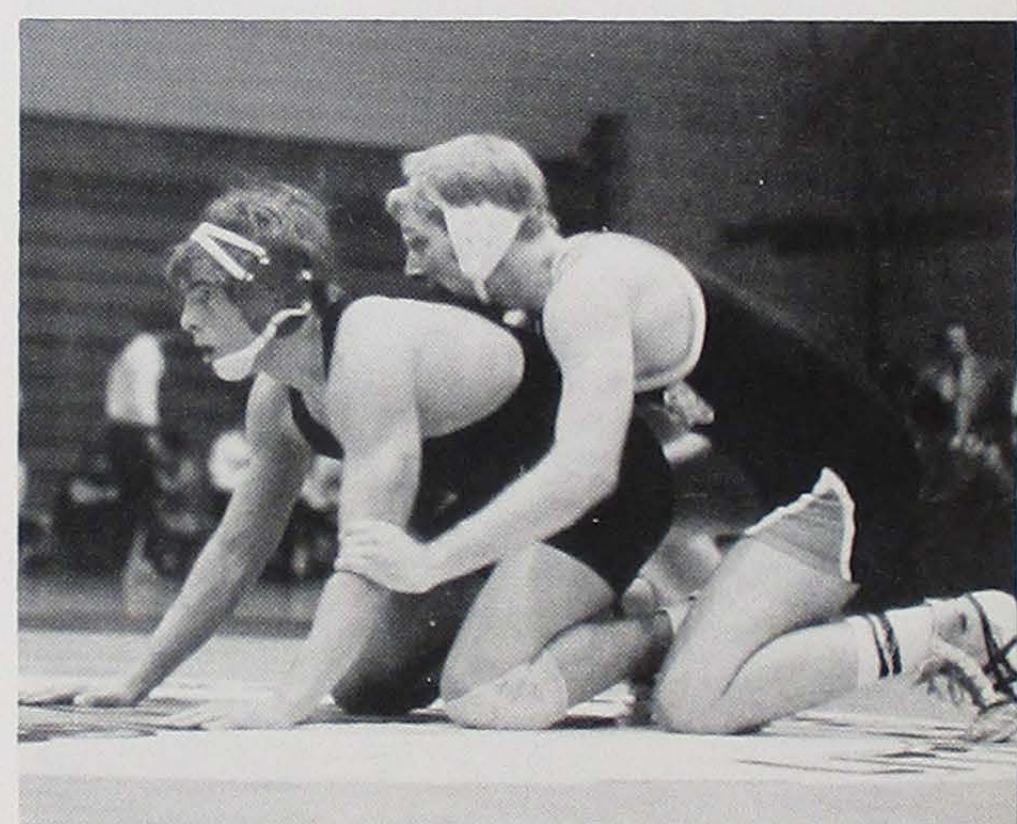
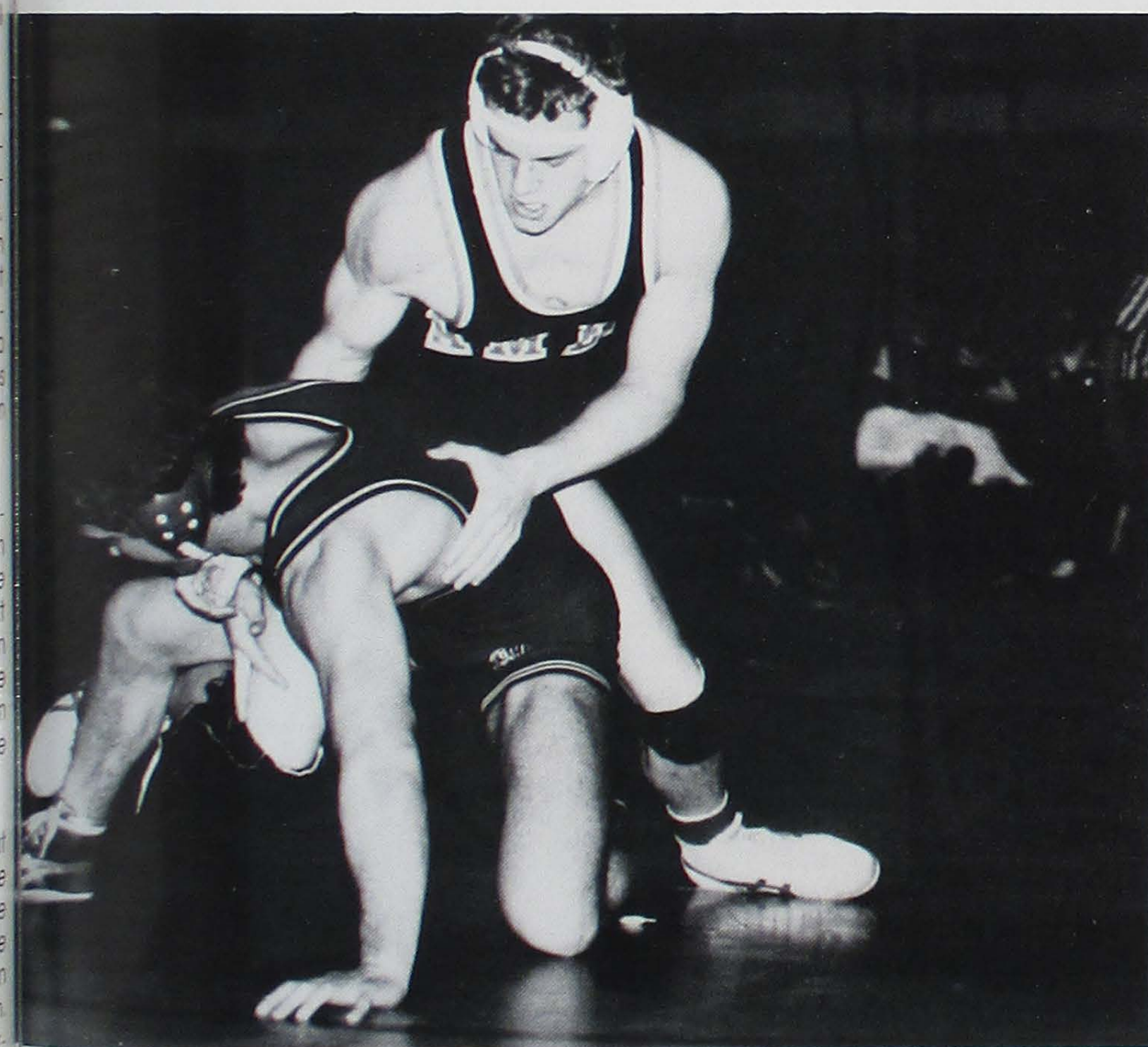
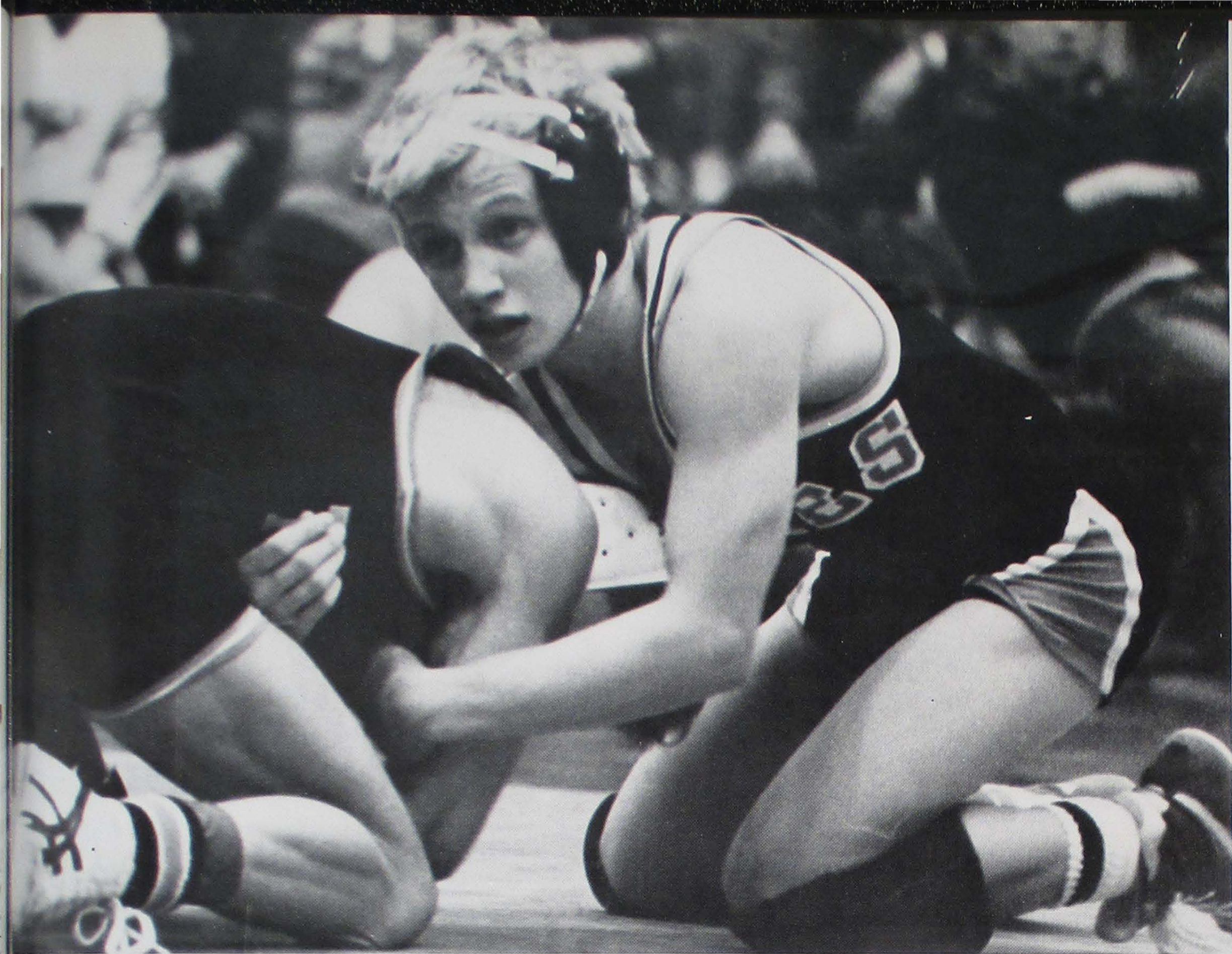
As the season progressed, however, the team began to come together. By the last dual meet against Fort Dodge, the squad was wrestling well and preparing for Districts. "Up to that last meet against Fort Dodge, we were still battling and coming on," said Jarvis.

Four wrestlers advanced from the Districts to qualify for the State Tournament. At State, junior Sean Watt received a second place finish at 98 lbs. and 145-pound junior Bob Thompson was third. Sophomore heavyweight Paul Weltha and junior super-heavyweight Bobby Metzger also qualified but failed to place. Ames captured twelfth place in the team scoring.

Thompson, Watt, junior Mike Hawbaker and senior manager Andy Flynn were elected captains and led the squad of 40 wrestlers. Mendenhall felt that they displayed their leadership in their hard work and participation. He said, "I was real pleased with the team attitude and the work in the practice room was exceptional."

Mendenhall was very optimistic about the 1985-86 season since most of the wrestlers would be returning and the four state qualifiers would also be back. He said a lot will depend upon how hard they work in the off-season. "Many may compete in freestyle tournaments and in those you can get 40-50 matches in and that really helps them gain experience."

BREAKIN' LOOSE. Foiling a takedown attempt in the Ames Invitational, junior Bobby Thompson pushes away from his opponent's grasp. Thompson went on to place third in the 145-pound weight class at the State Tournament. (Photo by Amy Bleyle).



ON YOUR MARKS. Awaiting the referee's signal, senior Rich Humphrey gets a firm grip on a D.M. East wrestler during a dual meet. Humphrey was one of only three seniors who regularly wrestled varsity. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)

WHAT'S NEXT? Taking control of his Mason City adversary, junior Sean Watt prepares for his next move. Watt was the State's top-ranked 98-pounder for most of the season. (Photo by the Ames Tribune)

MAKING A MOVE. Moving to his opponent's back in the Ames Invitational, junior Mark Pelzer gains position on his foe. Many underclassmen had a chance to wrestle at invitationals. (Photo by Amy Bleyle)

VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL. Front Row: Rita Heimes, Dana Seehafer, Lisa Tice, Julie Stoeker, Michelle Tannehill, Karen Yates. Second Row: Stacie Jacobson, Chris Pruhs, Janet Bredeson, Karen Koellner, Barb Farrar, Lisa Lemanczyk, Margaret Baumel, Stephanie Rust. Back Row: Assistant Coach Rick Ballantine, Anne Klufa, Holly Westberg, LuAnn Forssman, Kristie Burns, De Hummel, Vicky Gwiasda, Head Coach Bud Legg.



Varsity Girls' Basketball

Team unity pulls girls through a tough season



Head Coach Bud Legg

Varsity Girls' Basketball

Won 4, Lost 15

Ames

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W.D.M. Valley
D.M. East
Marshalltown
D.M. Lincoln
Fort Dodge
D.M. Roosevelt
Ankeny
D.M. Hoover
Boone
D.M. North-Tech
W.D.M. Dowling
D.M. East
D.M. North-Tech
D.M. Lincoln
W.D.M. Dowling
W.D.M. Valley
D.M. Roosevelt
D.M. Hoover
Sec. Tour. - Perry

Opp.

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The 1984-85 season was significant for Ames High girls' basketball. It marked the last year of the traditional six-on-six player game. The season also marked the end of a long coaching career for Coach Bud Legg. Legg resigned from his position after 13 years as head coach of the girl's basketball program.

"I think the change to five-on-five will be more interesting to watch, and therefore bring more spectators," said junior Kristie Burns. "The running game will be harder, but once the new program is organized, the team should be competitive in the Metro conference," she added. The new change to five-on-five was not the reason for Legg's resignation. Although he didn't favor it, he hoped the new program would work well for Ames.

The team ended their season 3-11 in the Metro, and 4-15 overall. Although the record didn't show the success the team hoped to reach, the season had other positive aspects. "The season reflected a great improvement from the previous year," commented Legg, "and showed progress with each game." The varsity team of the previous year ended with a 2-16 record.

SWITCH IN POSITION. Playing some forward court defense, senior Karen Koellner tries to cause West Des Moines Valley to turn over the ball. (Photo by Anja Trebes.)

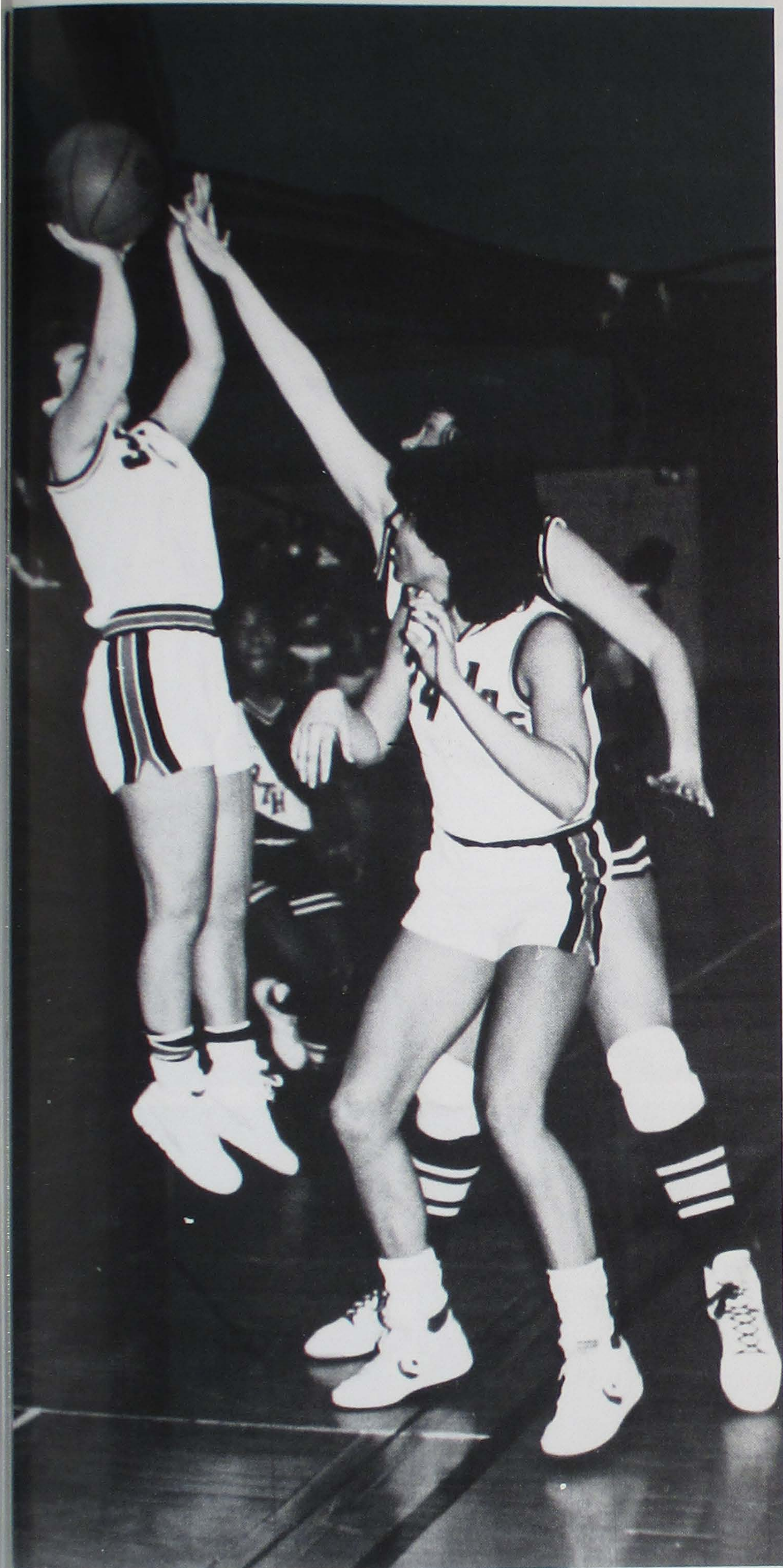
The main improvements during the season, according to Legg, were in team attitude, development in the guard court, and better continuity in the offense. "The team's attitude was good all season," said Senior Holly Westberg, "Even though we lost, we went out and tried hard every game."

After an unsatisfying early season, the team reached a turning point in early January. They defeated three talented teams: Des Moines North Tech, Des Moines East, and Boone. The team also gave a rated West Des Moines Dowling team their closest game of conference play with a score of 55-57.

According to Legg, the accumulated wins and losses developed one of the season's highlights. It was "the competitive and courageous effort of the team, coming back after (Christmas) break with an 0-5 record, losing in January, but still continuing to play tough through the end of the tournament (sectional) game," he said.

"The team improved and started working together the last half of the season," said junior LuAnn Forssman. "It felt great coming so close to Perry (sectionals) because everyone played so well. No one was out there for themselves; everybody was trying to win for everybody else."





SHOOT FOR TWO. Using a screen set by senior Karen Koellner, senior Dana Seehafer takes a jump shot over a Des Moines North Tech guard. (Photo by Anja Trebes.)

REACH FOR THE REBOUND. In a game against West Des Moines Valley, junior Lisa Tice grabs the rebound. Tice was a starting guard for part of the season. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven.)



BLOCK THAT SHOT. Playing tough defense, junior De Hummel prepares to stop West Des Moines Valley's offensive attack. Hummel had extensive playing time in the guard court. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven.)

Sophomore Girls' Basketball

Enthusiasm, unity work to help team reach goal to improve

With a 6-10 overall record, and a 6-8 record in the Metro Conference, the sophomore girls' basketball team greatly improved over their freshman record of 2-20.

Coming into their sophomore season, the girls knew they would have to work hard to improve. "We were determined to prove to people that we weren't a losing team," said forward Brittany Wombacher.

With improvement being their seasonal goal, the girls worked hard to keep a good attitude. "I think our attitude kept us going and our coach (Bob Heiberger) really encouraged us," said forward Sandy Keenan.

Many of the girls felt that the combining of the Central and Welch squads contributed to the success of their season. "We had a lot more depth this year because our two teams were together," said forward Lisa Scandrett.

One big factor throughout the season was the team's unity. It provided for support, making the agony of defeat easier, while making the victories even more enjoyable for the team.

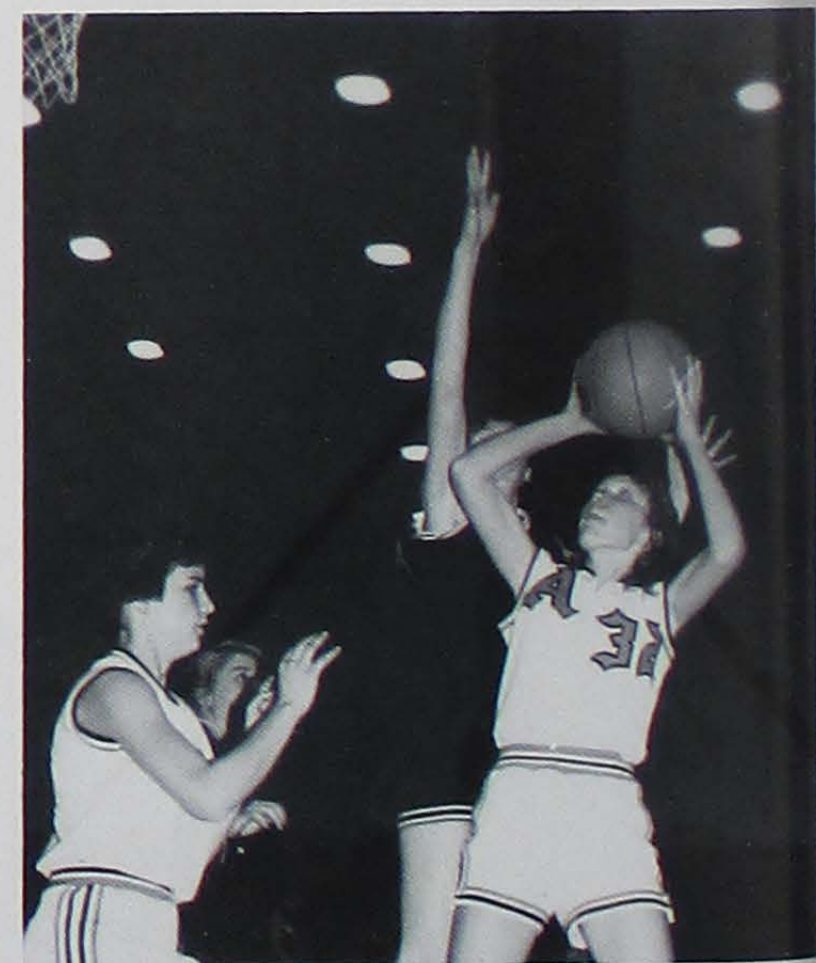
Another factor that helped the team was their enthusiasm. "One of this team's greatest strengths was their enthusiasm for basketball. This helped us improve from game to game," said Coach Heiberger.

Next year, the girls will have to face some changes. Not only will some of them be playing on the varsity team, but also the program will change to 5-on-5 basketball. Heiberger commented, "We did some drills that will be helpful to the girls next year. I think they will have to practice both shooting and their ball handling between now and next season."

Guard Laura Wassmuth said, "The change to 5-on-5 basketball will be difficult for the guards because we don't have experience shooting. We will have to practice a lot this summer."

Heiberger feels optimistic about this team's future. He concluded, "The girls made a great deal of progress throughout the season and I think they will contribute a lot to the varsity team next year."

SOPHOMORE GIRLS' BASKETBALL. Front Row: Lisa Scandrett, Amy Coady, Shannon Scherr, Laura Wassmuth, Brittany Wombacher, Kim Briley Back Row: Susan Huss, Fritz Pohlenz, Jill Isaccson, Georgann Griffith, Coach Heiberger, Emily Schaefer, Sandy Keenan, Teri Iverson.

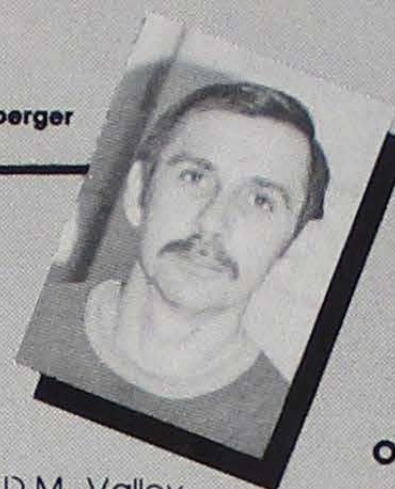


I'M COMING UP. During the Roosevelt game, forward Sandy Keenan looks to the basket while forward Brittany Wombacher tries to get open. (Photo by Ann Scott)



I'M OPEN. Good passes and quick hands are a key to the victory over Roosevelt. Forward Sandy Keenan runs to meet a pass from Emily Schaefer. (Photo by Ann Scott.)

Coach Bob Heiberger



Sophomore Girls' Basketball

Won 6, Lost 10

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Combined squads aid sophs' season



Fritzi Pohlenz

The sophomore girls' basketball season, like most seasons, had its ups and downs, while making room for much improvement. Considering one shared win coming from the combined seasons of Central and Welch, it was a successful winter.

The improvement throughout the season was a strong point in the team. Coach Bob Heiberger expected a better performance each time we were out on the floor.

Our Metro play became more and

more successful as the season rolled on. We ended strongly at 6-8 in Metro play, while losing to both Ankeny and Marshalltown, making the overall season a 6-10 effort.

Throughout the winter we had a great time, never losing our team spirit and dedication, thanks to a wonderful team ... and an excellent coach. Coach Heiberger was the strongest force on our team, and he has opened the doors for us to conquer next year's new rules of 5-on-5 basketball.

Sophomore Time-Out

Games
Sophomore Girls Basketball

VARSITY BOY'S BASKETBALL. Front Row: Charles Vondra, Matt Walsh, Chad Greimann, Greg White, John Glotfelty, Bob Cox, Chris Eagan. **Back Row:** Steve Sandage, Jeff Burris, Jim Fenton, Bob Devens, assistant coach Steve Little, Mary Buck (statistician), head coach Wayne Clinton, Tom Shakeshaft, Paul Hallauer, Troy Evans, Dan Knight. (Photo Enterprises)



Coach Wayne Clinton

Varsity Boys' Basketball

Won 9, Lost 10

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42	Ankeny
47	D.M. East
40	D.M. Lincoln
53	Fort Dodge
43	Boone
49	West D.M. Valley
59	D.M. Roosevelt
59	D.M. Hoover
74	D.M. North-Tech
40	West D.M. Dowling
58	D.M. East
73	D.M. Lincoln
51	West D.M. Valley
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66	D.M. North-Tech
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Varsity Boys' Basketball

Cagers perform well in tough Metro conference

One word that could describe the boy's basketball season was contrast. Coming in like a lamb and roaring out like a lion, the team ended up with a 9-9 regular season record, its first winning season since 1977-78.

Before taking off for Christmas break, the record was a dismal 1-7, with the only win against Boone. The tough schedule included five of the State's top ten teams. "Those first couple teams were really tough. When we were losing, we weren't really sure of ourselves. The Christmas break came at the right time, that was when we pulled ourselves together," said senior floor leader Charles Vondra.

After a little rest the team regrouped. Winning most of their games in streaks, Ames made themselves contenders in the Metro conference. Losing to number two ranked Des Moines East, Ames stunned the State by upsetting number four ranked Des Moines Valley. "Definitely the highlight of the year was beating Valley. We then knew we could play with anyone in the State," said sophomore John Glotfelty.

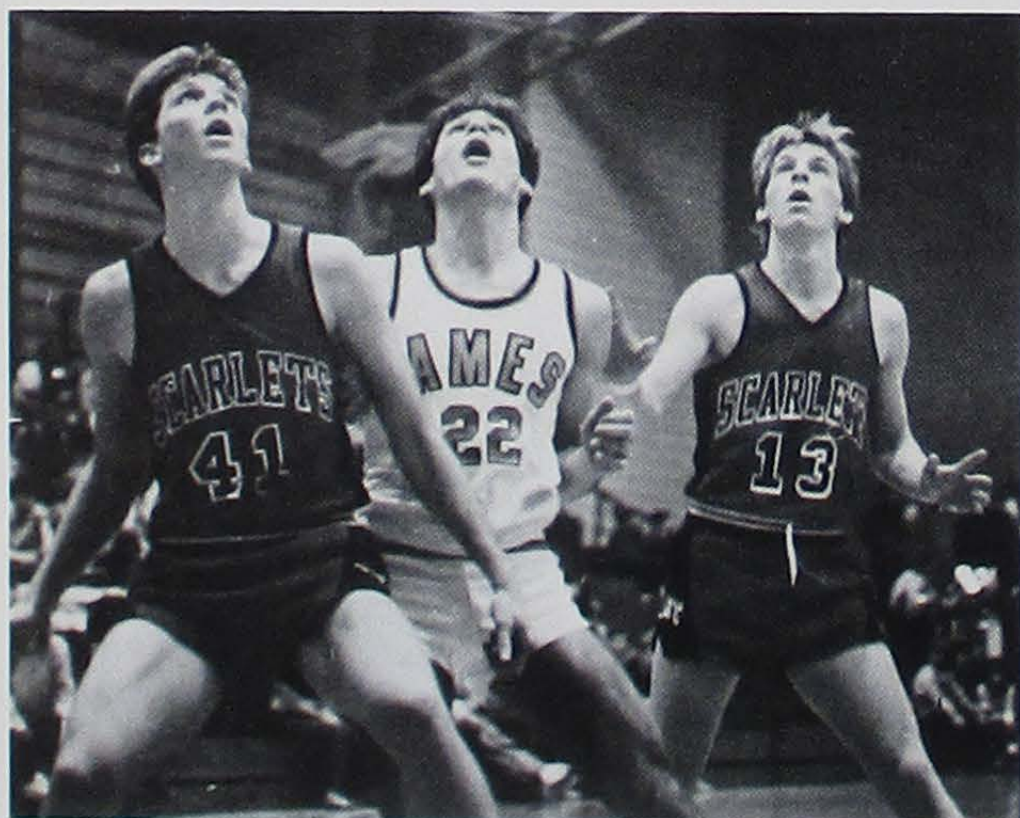
Leading the way was Glotfelty and

senior Steve Sandage scoring 18 and 14 points per game, respectively. Defensively, another sophomore, 6'5" center Dan Knight cleared the boards with a 7.5 rebounding average. "At first you could tell John and Dan were a little intimidated, but as the season went on, they were the ones doing the intimidating," said senior starter Bob Devens.

"At the end of the season we were a long way away from where we started, especially with that murderous schedule," said head coach Wayne Clinton. "But in the second half of the season, we turned the corner. We can credit our turnaround to our consistency from the players."

Having school paper headlines reading "Sophomores ig-Knight Varsity Cagers" there was quite an abundance of pressure put on Glotfelty and Knight. Knight once stated, "I felt some pressure starting this year, but with John starting also, some of the pressure was relieved." According to Coach Clinton, Glotfelty was extremely impressive in the summer camps, and that was the reason for elevating him. Knight came up the hard way. Starting out with the sophomores, he proved that with a 24 point, 19 rebound performance, he was ready for some varsity action.

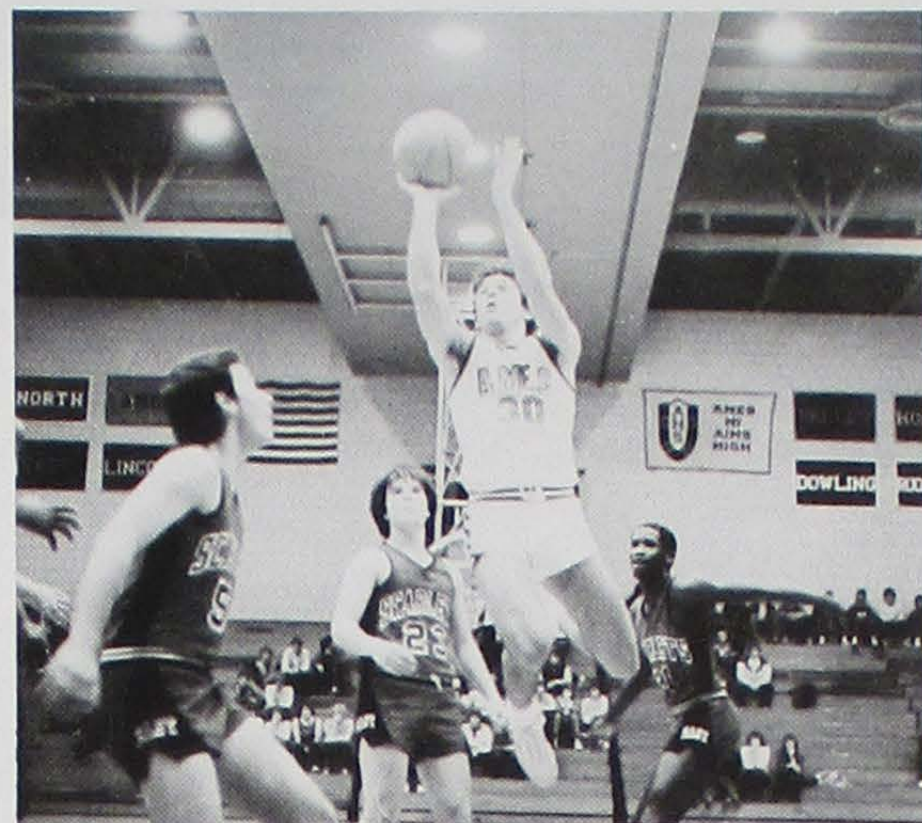
SURROUNDED. Waiting for the rebound, senior Bob Devens battles two D.M. East players for possession of the ball. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)





UP AND AWAY. Soaring through the air with the greatest of ease, 6'5" power forward Steve Sandage slowly let's the trigger go on his soft but dangerous ten-foot jumper. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)

UP FOR TWO. Penetrating through the number-two ranked team D.M. East Scarlets, senior guard Charles Vondra drives for two. Vondra was the floor leader for the Little Cyclones during their second season turnaround. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)



FREE THROW FORM. Leading the team in scoring, with 17 points a game, sophomore guard John Glotfelty takes a shot from the charity line. Glotfelty shot 70 percent during the year from the free throw line. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)

Sophomore Boys' Basketball

A year for maturing skills and cooperation

The sophomore boys' basketball team had a winning season in both performance and attitude. With a record of 10-8, the year proved to be a learning experience, in both skills and cooperation.

The team had to compensate for the loss of sophomores Dan Knight and John Glotfelty, who played with the varsity team for most of the season. "We had to learn to play together without Knight and Glotfelty and as the season continued, we improved," said coach Larry Strom.

"I think we would have won more games if they (Knight and Glotfelty) would have been playing with us. Dan gets a lot of rebounds and John is a really good shooter," said forward Ethan Steinstra. "But I still think we did okay without them. It was a fun and fulfilling year."

The players also had to get used to playing on the same team with people

they'd been competing against as ninth-graders. "We weren't a team at the beginning," said guard Joe Jones. "Everybody was playing for themselves. We started pulling together about three-fourths of the way through the season."

"We put together a pretty good team," commented forward Mike Rorholm. "It was different (from last year); the people were more interested."

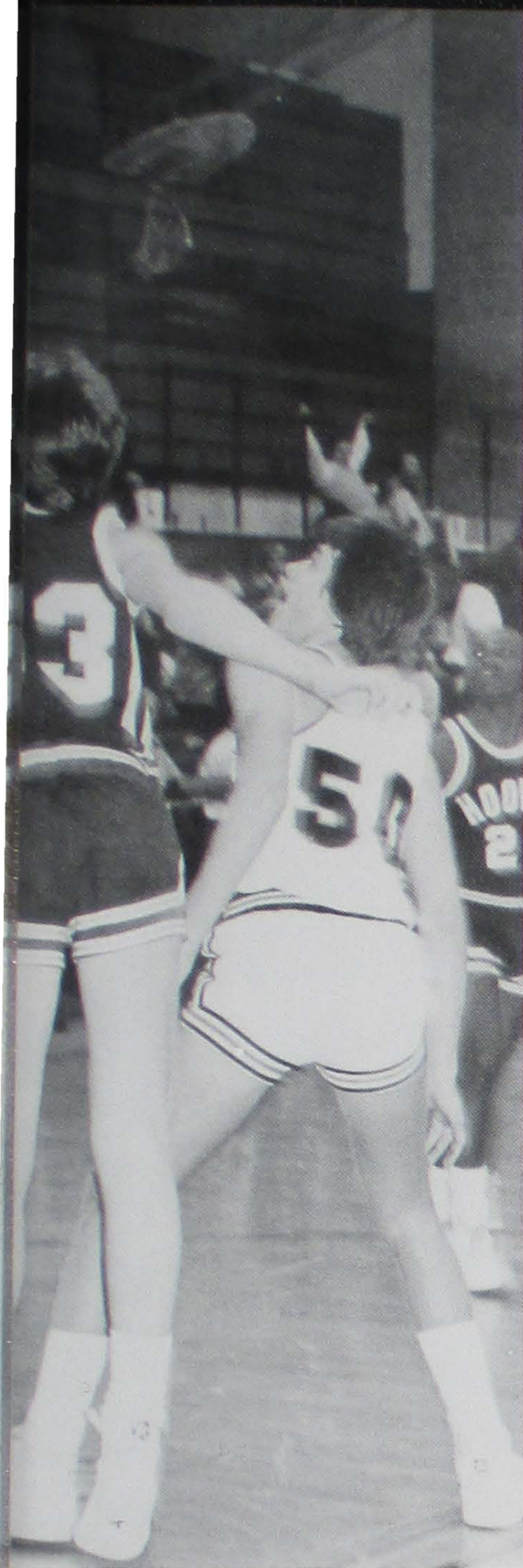
Center Erik Haugen agreed that high school basketball was more enjoyable than junior high. He said, "Our Central team record was something like 1-11 so it was good to have a winning season!"

Coach Strom felt the players matured as the season continued. "I was pleased with the attitude that the team had at the end of the year and the way they represented their school, and treated officials and other teams," he said.

SOPHOMORE BOYS' BASKETBALL. Front Row: Joe Jones, Ade Olorunsola, Todd Coe, Manager Chris Anderson, Tracy Flesch, Jeff L. Johnson, Brad Pepper. **Back Row:** Assistant Coach Dave Long, Ethan Steinstra, John Burris, Steve Hoiberg, Kent Benson, Erik Haugen, Ken Latuska, Dan Goshorn, Mike Rorholm, David Morevitz, Head Coach Larry Strom.

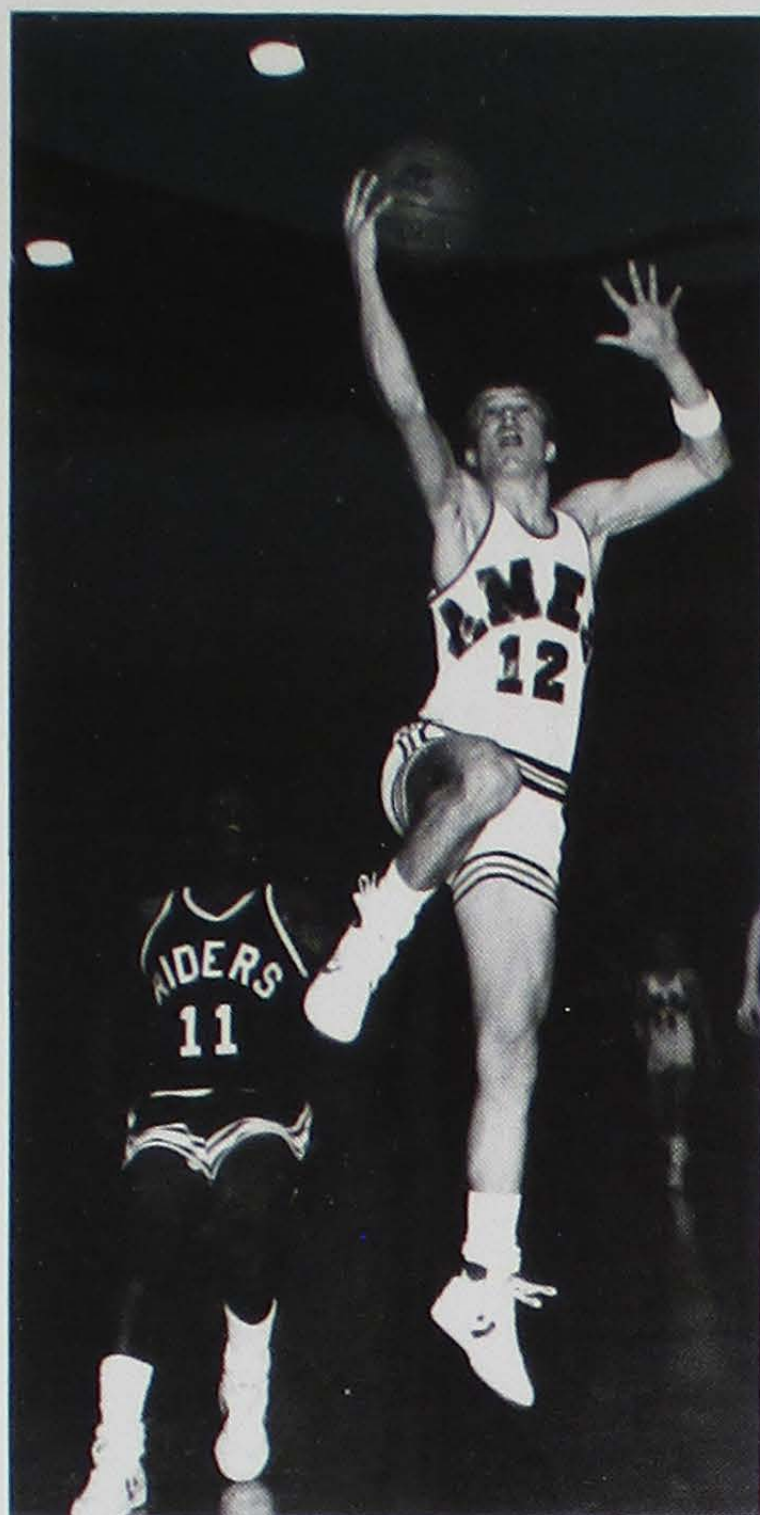


FREE THROWER. Shooting from the line at the Hoover game is Ethan Steinstra. Steinstra was a 61 percent freethrow shooter. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)



TAKING IT UP. As Todd Coe takes a shot at the Hoover game, Erik Haugen looks hopeful. The Little Cyclones beat the Huskies, 65-55. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)

NOBODY'S EVEN CLOSE. Going for a lay-up at the Roosevelt game, Joe Jones has a clear shot. Jones made a total of 150 points over the season. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)



JUMP FOR IT. During the Roosevelt home game, Mike Rorholm jumps for the ball. Ames beat the Rough Riders, 47-42. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)

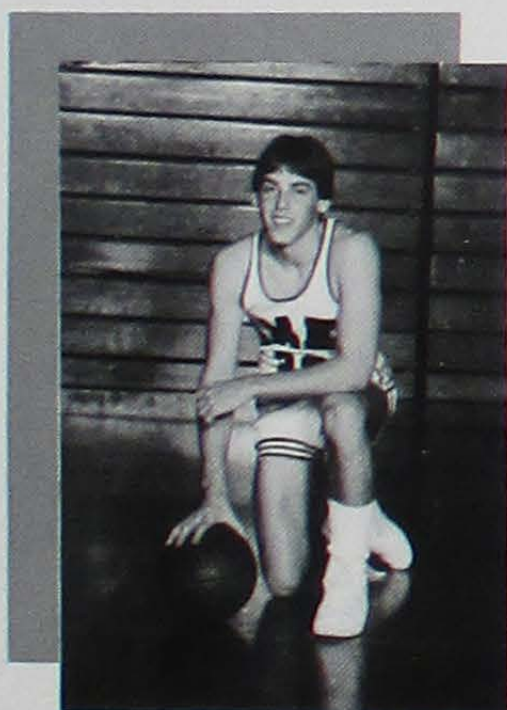


Sophomore Boys' Basketball

Won: 10, Lost 8

AHS	Opp.		
58 Marshalltown	52	65 D. M. North	39
67 Ankeny	65	45 W. D. M. Dowling	60
69 D. M. East	68	53 D. M. East	69
67 D. M. Lincoln	65	56 D. M. Lincoln	55
53 Ft. Dodge	69	49 W. D. M. Valley	51
44 Boone	46	74 D. M. Roosevelt	57
43 W. D. M. Valley	69	45 D. M. Hoover	48
47 D. M. Roosevelt	42	60 D. M. North	34
65 D. M. Hoover	55	49 W. D. M. Dowling	63

Sophomore year- a real challenge



Todd Coe

The 1984-85 basketball season was more difficult than any previous season. We lost two players (Glotfelty and Knight) to the varsity team. Also our coach went through a transition. He began coaching at the sophomore level after several years at the varsity level.

The season started out well, with four close victories. Our team then lost three straight games. These losses were difficult to take, because we weren't used to losing. After Christmas, we won our next three games. The

rest of the season we only won three more games, while losing five.

Everybody on the team improved greatly throughout the season. There was nobody on the team who was a standout player every game.

This season wasn't a great one record-wise, but it was a great season for learning. The experience in playing with the players from the other school will help a lot when the next basketball season begins.

Sophomore Time-Out

Games
Sophomore Boys' Basketball

Intramural Basketball

New column covers season, provides deserved recognition

While many students played basketball on the varsity squads, others liked spending their Wednesday afternoons playing intramural basketball or I-ball.

"We had about 190 boys out this year and that's up from last year," said Mr. Keith Hilmer, boy's I-ball coordinator.

Senior captain Chris Hill said, "The best thing was that anybody could go out for it and you didn't have to be a spectacular basketball player to do it. I-ball was great for me because I was a captain so I had a lot of power. I controlled the team and I got to play the whole game if I wanted."

Players were chosen by a draft procedure with the captains taking turns picking players from a list of students signed up for I-ball.

"My team was the best part of I-ball, and getting to the finals wasn't bad either. Attendance has to be improved though. We had a lot of forfeits

because players didn't show up," said senior captain Adrienne Erbach.

"Attendance was a problem with the girls, never with the boys," Mr. Hilmer said.

A special addition to the I-ball season was "The I-Ball Corner" a column in the *Web* written by senior Dan Emmerson. In his column, Dan chose an I-ball Player of the Week. The column was taken over second semester by senior Mark Hanson.

Sophomore Kristin Switz, the only female Player of the Week said, "It was really exciting. I got a lot of comments on being chosen. It also helped me promote I-ball."

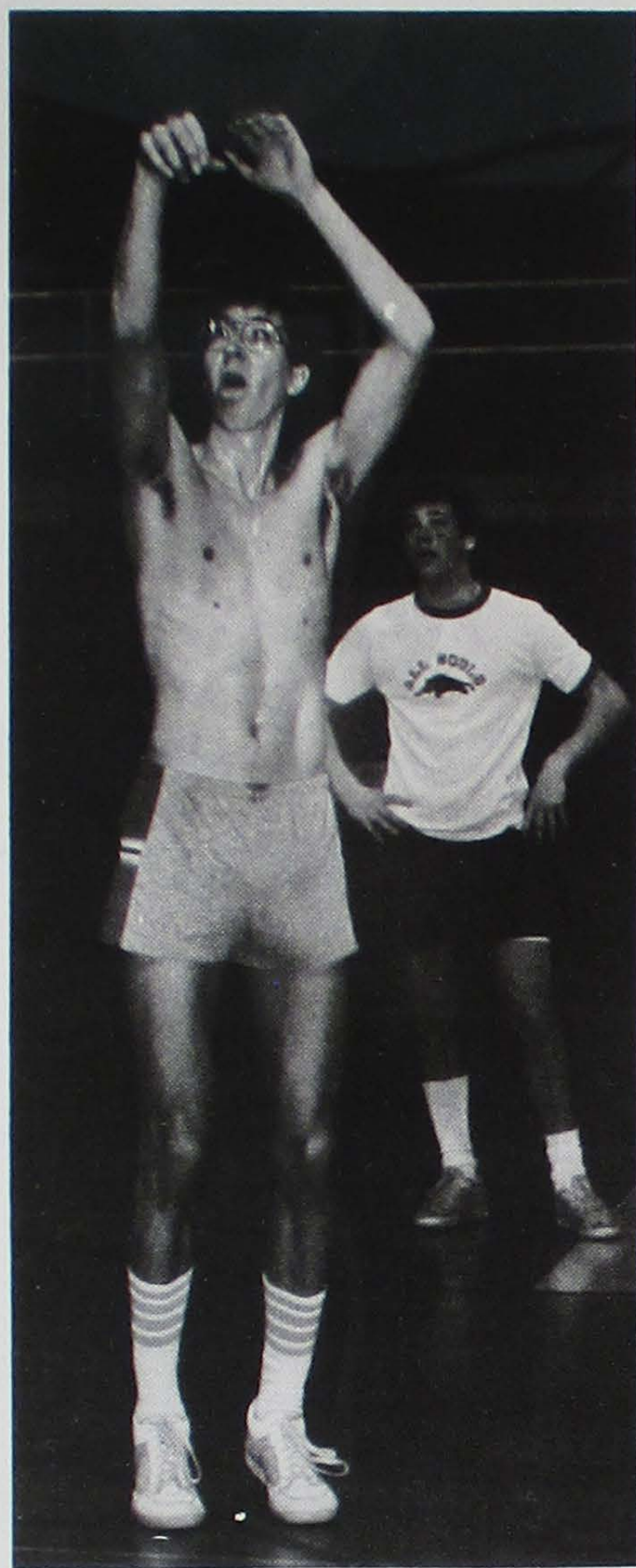
Junior Bonali Barua said, "I-ball is great! You meet new friends; it's fun; there's no coach to boss you around. You can play both forward and guard and it's easy to fit into your schedule. Everybody should have gone out!"

I-BALL CHAMPIONS. Front Row: Mike Pell, Chris Benson, Matt Carney, Chris Fuqua, Deepy Gupta. **Back Row:** Janelle Bunde, Anja Trebes, Beth Evans, Nina Leacock, Minda Lewis, Michelle Johnston, Jenny Smith, Martha Roland. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)





I GOT IT. After a scramble, senior Janelle Bunde manages to get the ball as junior Luanne Cooney guards her. Bunde led her team in scoring for the season. (Photo by Dana Seehafer.)



SWISH! During a game played at AHS, senior Doug Lastine makes a crucial point for his team as senior Steve Cook looks on. (Photo by Vel Randic.)

SHOULD I SHOOT? During a game played at Central, senior Janelle Bunde prepares to shoot while junior Kathy Betts moves in to block her. (Photo by Dana Seehafer.)



Tradition starts with 'I-Ball Corner' column



Dan Emmerson

"Dan's I-Ball Corner" was the vehicle by which I brought I-ball news to a public that had been starved of winning basketball for so many years.

"Dan's I-Ball Corner" was born in mid-September, almost two months before I-ball was to begin as a piece to fill up some empty space in the Web. That hastily composed piece was the prototype for the column that would later rival Doonesbury in popularity.

Once every two weeks I took it upon myself to observe, analyze, and report on the happenings of the fast-paced world of intramural basketball. However, in mid-January, the awesome responsibility and stress began getting to

me.

My early enthusiasm toward the sport started to wane. I felt myself becoming cold and sarcastic in my approach. Maybe I had seen too many technicals or seen one too many 103 lb. sophomore bounce off Marty Kiser's elbow.

To compound my problems, I was feeling pressure from the public, complaining that I was ignoring the girl's I-ball scene. It was then that I hired Patty Huss to help with girl's I-ball. I am proud to have started a tradition that I hope will continue at Ames High as long as the sun shines and the buffalo roam free.

ICE HOCKEY. Front Row: John Russo, Greg Sieber, Jamie Watne, Scott Jackson, William Vary, Joe Schwieger, Sean Murdock, Rich Dykema, Bill Norris. **Back Row:** Assistant Coach Bruce Carman, Rob Mitchell, Steve Cook, Wade Weltha, John Newell, Scott Whigham, Doug Glock, Don Erbach, Scot Johnston, Steve Nichol, Sean McNunn, Head Coach Noel Erickson.



Ice Hockey Second place finish at state gives club best record ever

Besides having the best season in the Ames High Hockey Club's history, the team also gained respect which was well deserved.

The Little Cyclone's successful season began in October and ended in March with a record of 27-12-1. "Our season was long because we had to travel a lot," said junior goalie Joe Schwieger. Throughout the season the team traveled through the Midwest, including trips to Minnesota and Chicago, while also playing in the Iowa High School Hockey League. This league had seven teams with more than thirty high schools represented.

"My favorite part of the season was playing Edina, Minnesota. Edina was the defending Minnesota High School champion and was holding a national ranking of number two at the time we played them," commented forward Steve Cook.

For the first time ever, Ames captured the I.H.S.H.L. Title on February 19, in Waterloo. "We were behind at one time in the game but we battled back to a 9-5 win to capture the title," said assistant coach Bruce Carman.

ON THE GO. Underclassmen made a big contribution to the team this year. Sophomores Donny Erbach and Steve Nichol chase down the puck in a game against Waterloo Public. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)

The icemen held the number one ranking in the State during the season but fell to Waterloo Public in the State championship game in March. In the opening round, the skaters jumped their way through the tournament brackets by beating Sioux City 9-6, Des Moines Valley-Dowling 9-2 and Mason City 10-1 to reach the semi-finals.

"The fans were great and helped us so much at State," said senior Sean McNunn. Urbandale was the victim to the Little Cyclones in the semi-finals as Ames boasted a 3-2 win to enter the first State championship game in the team's history.

With screaming Ames fans, the Little Cyclones jumped out to an early 2-0 lead from Doug Glock's and Steve Cook's goals but in the third period they fell short to become State runner-up. The skaters also captured the sportmanship trophy and Coach Noel Erickson was named Coach of the Year for the second year in a row.

All-state honors went to goalie Scott Jackson, forward Scott Johnston, defenseman Don Erbach, and senior forward Steve Cook. Honorable Mention went to seniors Scott Whigham, Rob Mitchell and juniors Doug Glock, John Newell, Bill Norris, John Russo and Greg Sieber.



Head Coach Noel Erickson

Ice Hockey

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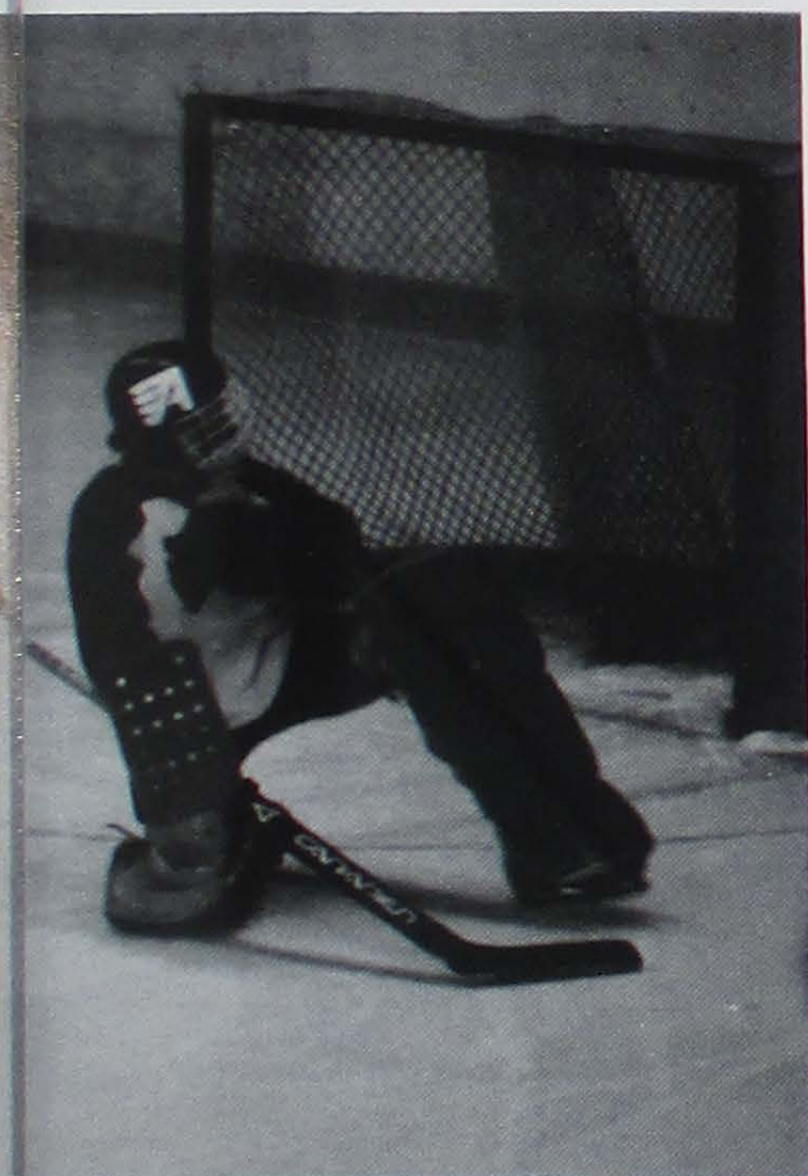
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MOVING THE PUCK. Ames had an extremely quick team. Senior forward Steve Cook uses his speed on a break into the opposing team's zone to try for a goal. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven.)

CONCENTRATION. While warming up for a game, junior forward Doug Glock concentrates on the upcoming contest. (Photo by Susan Jons.)



HIGH AND WIDE. Much of the Little Cyclones' success during the season comes from good play by junior goalie Scott Jackson. Unfortunately, at the final game of the State Tournament Jackson could not help the team win the championship as he watches a puck make its way into the goal. (Photo by Larry Jackson)

WHAT'S THE SCORE? One designated competitor in each group kept score for the foursome of players. Seniors Missy Wershay and Patty Huss check their scores on a fareway at Veenker during a meet. (Photo by Amy Bleyle)



PUTTING IT OUT. Shadows stretched on the last holes of a meet. Season meets started early to beat sundown. Sophomore Teri Iversen putts the ball in the cup. (Photo by Amy Bleyle)

PLAYING IN THE SAND. Hazards like sandtraps were well known by the golfers. Junior Jodi Longwell takes a wedge shot at her ball lying in the sand. (Photo by Amy Verhoven)



DRIVING THE FAREWAY. A straight shot to the green was the safest shot. Senior Missy Wershay rips one down the fareway. (Photo by Amy Bleyle)





GIRLS' GOLF Front row: Lindsay Nichol, Julie Thorton, Jenny Wengert, Maria Ford, Sarah Verhoeven, Jenny Paige. Back row: Kellie Criner, Patty Huss, Teri Iverson, Missy Wershay, Jodi Longwell, Jane Thorton. (Photo by Vel Randic)

Girls' Golf Senior Leadership helps team to best season in 8 years

After years without a winning girls' golf team, Ames came very close with a 7-7 record this year. The success was attributed, in part, to hard work and leadership from seniors Missy Wershay and Patty Huss.

"Missy and I really wanted to leave a winning record in the books our senior year and the team knew it. We worked really hard, sometimes we even played before school," said Huss.

Good weather allowed the team practice they needed. Occasionally there was a sprinkle of rain or a wind that interfered with play, but for the most part the weather cooperated. "The weather was an aid to us," said junior Jodi Longwell.

All home meets were played at Veenker golf course which was rated as one of the toughest in the state. Practicing there made the girls comfortable with other easier courses they played away meets at. It helped even more at home meets when inexperienced girls played on the "Venomous Veenker."

Coach Bob Heiberger always provided the necessary instruction to the team. "Having a great coach like Coach Heiberger helps, but it takes desire to be good. First, you have to want to be good," said Wershay.

With only two returning letterwinners many line-ups were tried in order to find a winning combination. Sophomore Teri Iverson and freshman Jane Thorton were the two that came through most often to make up the scoring four. "Pretty much everybody played varsity once. We all took turns having one very good, and one very bad score," said Iverson.

The six freshmen who played on the team were a great asset. They had had no experience in competition and had little knowledge of the game. After some practice and a few meets, they became tough competitors for the top spots on the team. "The Thorton twins saved us from defeat many times during the season. Our freshmen always came through for us when we needed them. Whether it was a good score or moral support," said Huss.

They played against tough teams with confidence and were victorious. Like always, they were defeated by traditional powerhouses like Valley, Dowling and Boone.

"We broke 200 in a couple of meets this year which was quite an accomplishment for the girls. They worked for what they achieved. I'm proud of the way they competed," said Coach Heiberger.

Coach Bob Heiberger

Girls' Golf

Won 7, Lost 7

AHS		Opp.
209	S.E. Polk	225
211	D.M. East	247
211	D.M. Lincoln	206
208	Boone	192
204	D.M. Dowling	195
204	Fort Dodge	226
206	Marshalltown	207
198	Ankeny	184
188	D.M. Valley	167
188	D.M. North Tech	247
215	D.M. Hoover	214
215	D.M. Roosevelt	263
216	D.M.	197
203	Forte Dodge	209
4th	Sectional Tournament	

BOYS' GOLF. Front Row: Mike Jenkins, Matt George. Second Row: Jay Horton, Eric Haugen, Scott Graves, Rich Voelker, Mike Flahr, Steve Austin. Back Row: Coach Kay Bartlett, Joe Jones, Mark White, Joe Glotfelty, Bill Hoefle, Harry Laudencia, Jeff Nigh, Roger Roland.



Boys' Golf Underclassmen lead golfers to an outstanding season

Good weather helped the boys' golf team to an excellent season. Only at the two Ames Invitational meets was the weather a factor.

With no traditional senior leaders, the team looked to junior Jay Horton. The threesome of Horton, sophomore Erik Haugen and freshman Bill Hoefle consistently carded the lowest scores.

Unlike past years, warm weather in the spring allowed the boys' team to practice a lot before the meets. "I think it hurt some of us to play so much in the pre-season; some of us peaked out too early," said junior Mike Jenkins.

The team started to gel at the right time by having two record-setting performances at sectionals and districts carding a 303 and a 304 respectively. "Everyone really pulled for everybody else which made it real fun to play this year. I think this helped us to one of our better years," said Horton.

The team was extremely well-bal-

anced with 11 of the 15 playing varsity at one time or another. With Horton, Haugen, and Hoefle filling the first three spots, the fourth one was filled by various people at different times. Sophomore Joe Jones or junior Mike Jenkins most often played at this spot. The rest of the team was very balanced. This made for a good J.V. team. The J.V. often came within ten strokes of the varsity's score.

"Mrs. (Kay) Bartlett was a good coach because of her fairness and tolerance. She helped us whenever she could. If someone was playing well, they got to play higher in the line-up. Everyone got a fair chance at their respective spot," said sophomore Erik Haugen.

The high point of the season was beating defending state champion Des Moines Dowling. Both the JV and varsity out-scored the Dowling's varsity. "We gave it the big Tom Thumb," said junior Harry Laudencia.

The team beat Hoover and Roosevelt in high winds and rain to tie for the Metro championship, and if it weren't for losing to Valley by only two strokes, they would have been the outright champs.

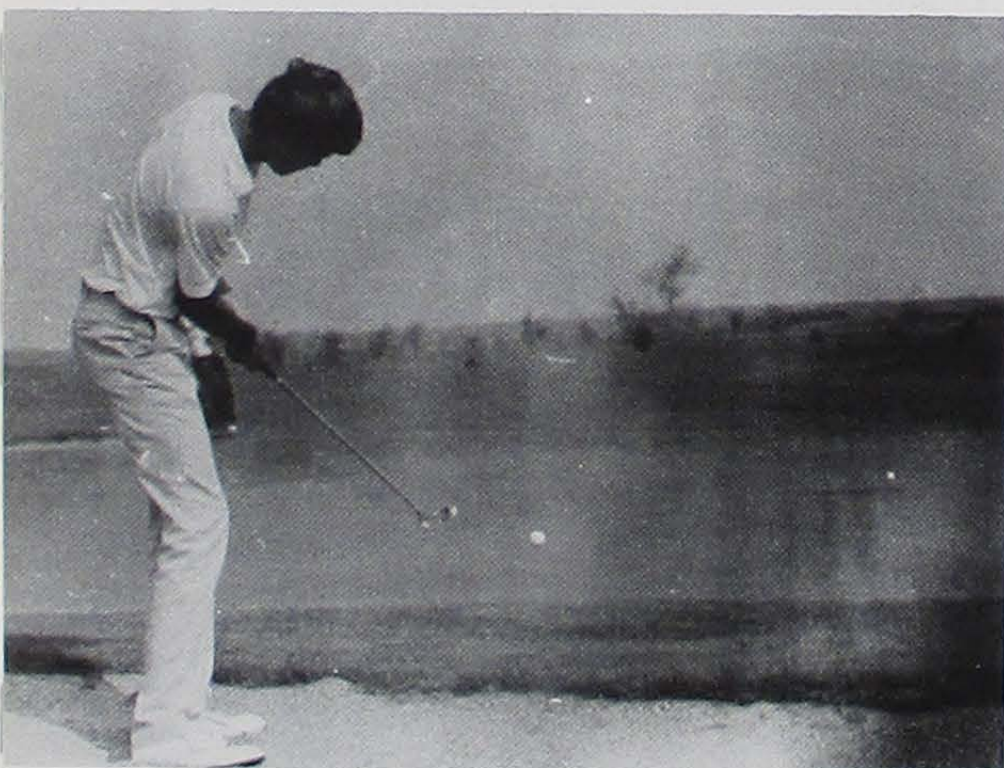
BACK ON TRACK. Chipping onto the green, sophomore Erik Haugen aims for the hole. Erik was one of the top golfers in the state (Photo by Vel Randic.)

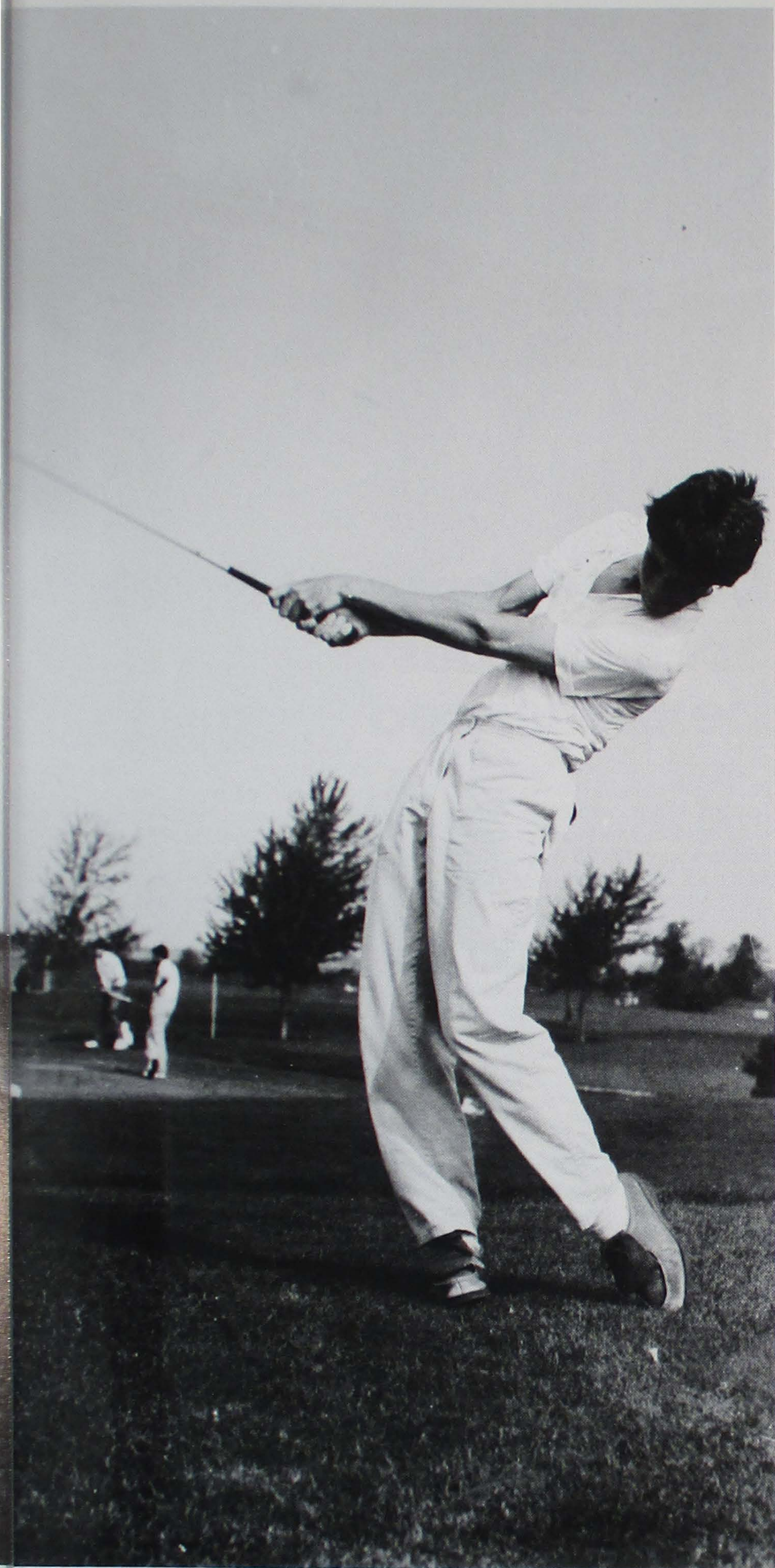


Coach Kay Bartlett

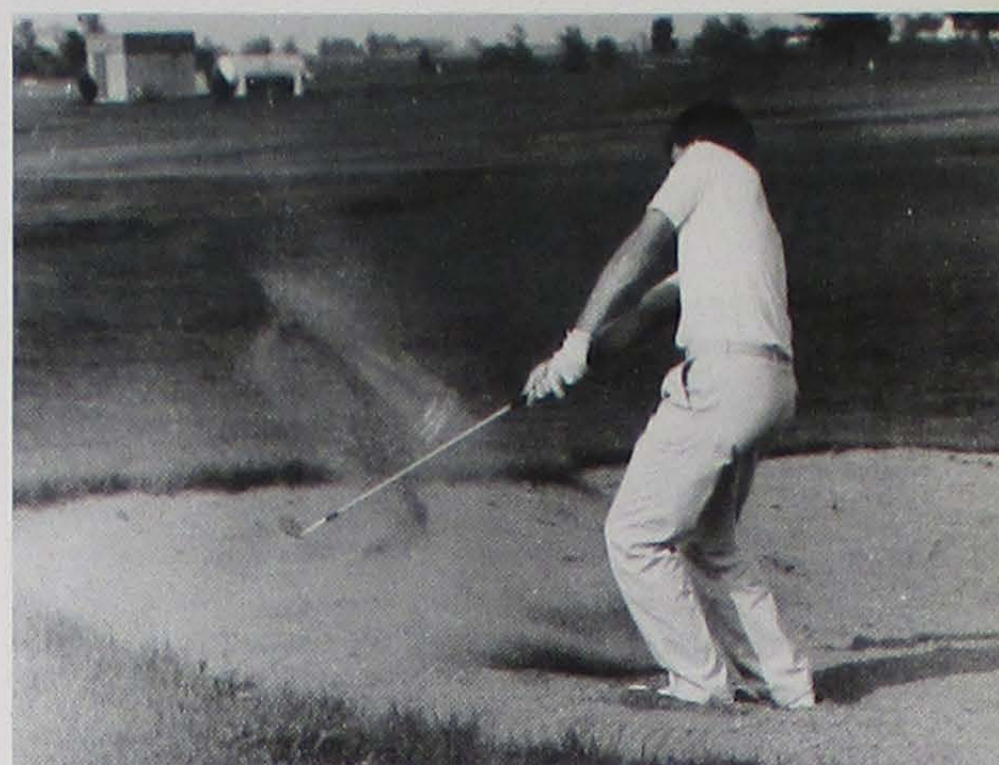
Boys' Golf 7 First Places

Marshalltown	1st
Boone	1st
East, Lincoln	1st
Ames Invitational	2nd
Fort Dodge	2nd
Dowling	1st
Urbandale Invite	2nd
Valley, North	2nd
Ames Classic	2nd
Hoover, Roosevelt	1st
J-Hawk Classic	3rd
Sectionals	1st
Districts	1st
State Meet	5th





IN THE SAND. Trying to correct a mistake, junior Jay Horton hits the ball out of the sandpit. Having no seniors on the team, Jay was expected to provide leadership. (Photo by Vel Randic.)



RAIN OR SHINE. Prepared for the un-cooperative weather, junior Jay Horton takes a breather. Weather was a factor at only two Ames Invitational meets. (Photo by Vel Randic.)

THE SWINGER. Concentrating on his swing, sophomore Matt George tees off at a meet. Many sophomores got experience golfing at JV meets. (Photo by Vel Randic.)

VARSITY GIRLS' TENNIS. Front row: Tina Austin, Shirleen Huan, Dana Seehafer, Lisa Huber, Barb Farrar, Laura Thompson. Second row: Sara Jons, Lori Peter, Debi, Wilson, Heather Dodd, Julie Slater, Melinda Hendrickson. Back row: Jenny Huber, Maggie Murphy, Stacy Walter, JoAnn Peter (manager), Hoa Nguyen, Coach Len Thiede (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)



Girls' Tennis Competition against top aces plagues inexperienced team



Coach Len Thiede

Girls' Tennis Won 3 Lost 9

AHS		Opp.
8	D.M. North	3
4	D.M. Lincoln	7
3	Marshalltown	6
1	West D.M. Dowling	10
4	Marshalltown	7
10	D.M. East	1
5	West D.M. Valley	6
4	Fort Dodge	5
3	Fort Dodge	6
2	D.M. Hoover	9
4	D.M. Roosevelt	7
6	Boone	5

A disappointed girls' tennis team finished the season with a 3-9 record. Several things contributed to the record including their lack of experience and a tough Metro conference. The sectional tournament was also tough competition for the team.

Sometimes the inexperience of the team showed during pressure situations to win meets. In one case, junior Laura Thompson, the number-one player, aggravated a forearm injury during the D.M. Valley meet and was forced to sit out of her number-two doubles match. The number-ten girl, freshman Sara Jons, who had never played above number-five doubles, found herself playing number-two doubles. To add to Jons' anxiety, the girls needed the match to win the meet. "I never stopped shaking during the match," said Jons. "I'd never played such good people before and that overwhelmed me a bit." Valley ended up winning the meet six-five.

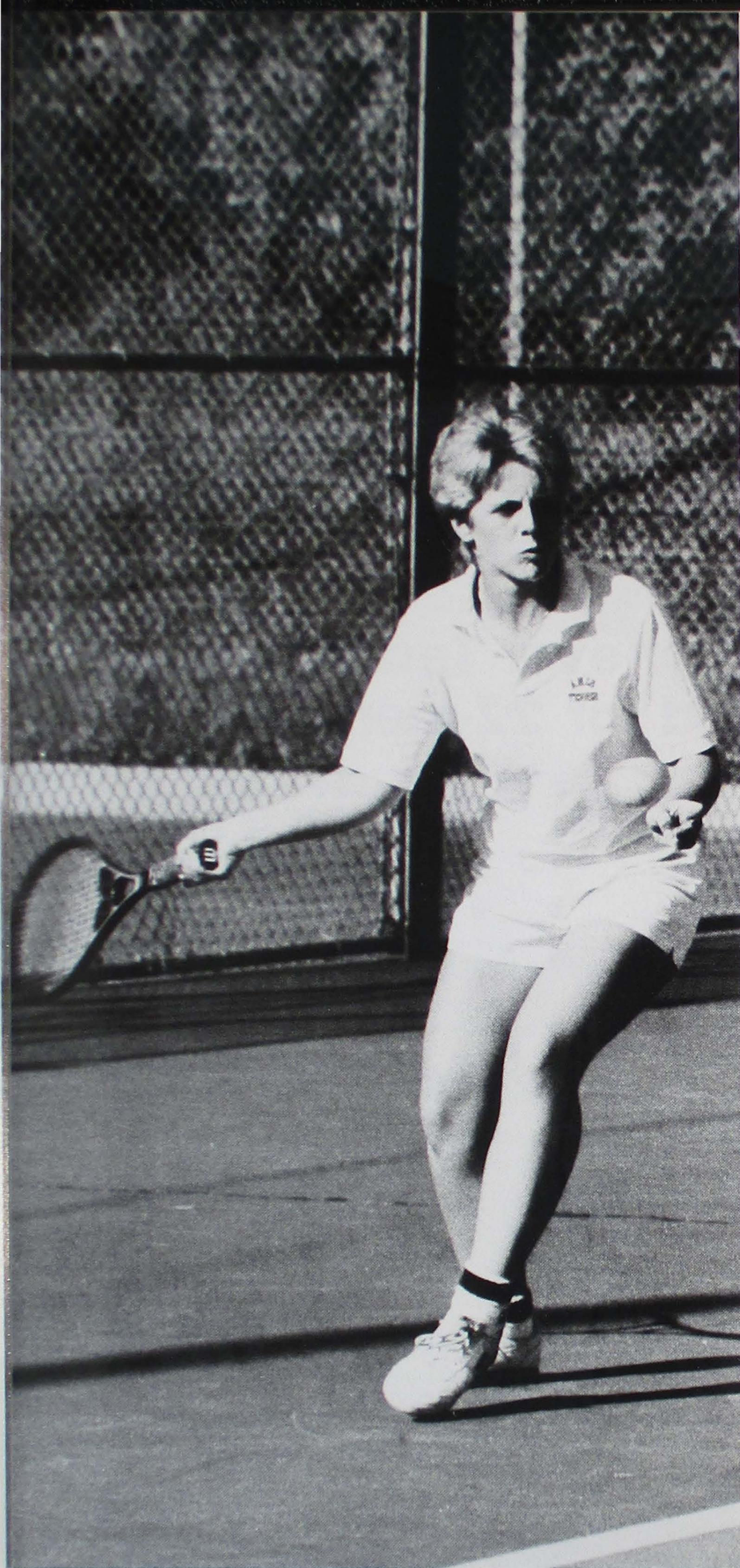
Not to take anything away from the Metro conference, Thompson said, "There was some really tough competition this year. You've got to give credit where it's due, especially since many of the girls we played were ranked in the state."

The sectional tournament in Marshalltown on May 24 proved to be tough

for the girls. Overall, Ames finished fourth out of eight teams. Doubles teams of seniors Lisa Huber and Barb Farrar, and Dana Seehafer and Melinda Hendrickson only made it to the second round in the tournament. Dana Seehafer said, "The smaller schools were difficult, and we did as well as could be expected at sectionals."

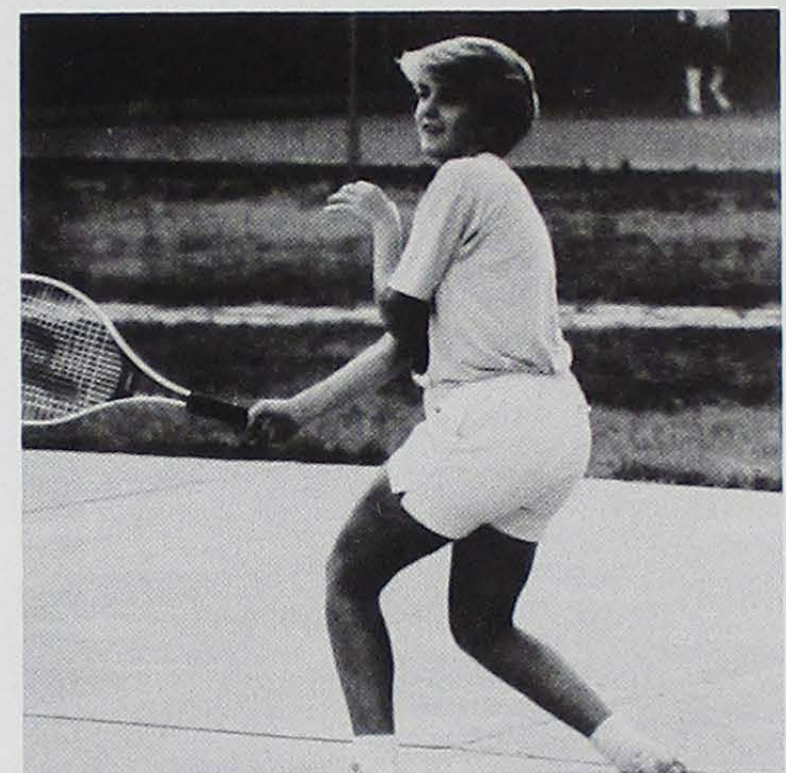
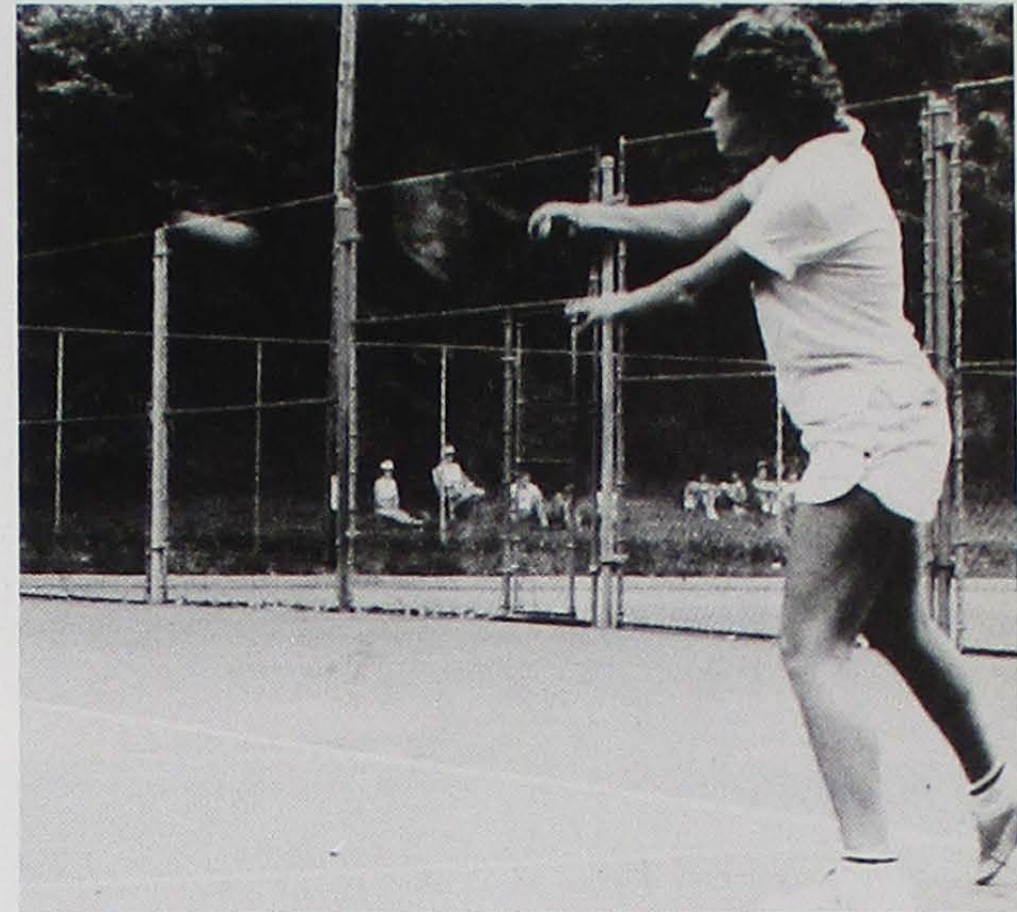
The other two players who went to sectionals were senior Julie Slater and Thompson. Both were beaten in singles. One thing in favor of the team was the depth that the players had. Some schools had strong players in the first three or four spots in their line-up; the ability slacked off afterwards. As Coach Len Thiede said, "Unlike past years, there was not a real standout player. Our girls were strong all the way to number-ten. There was a bit of difference between two and three, but the rest of the way down the ability was very close."

Many varsity players were expected to return next year with more experience than before. Junior Heather Dodd said, "I was inexperienced this year because it was my first season, but I have confidence in the team. I think that we definitely have the potential to do much better next year. Perhaps we can even finish as high as second or third in the Metro."



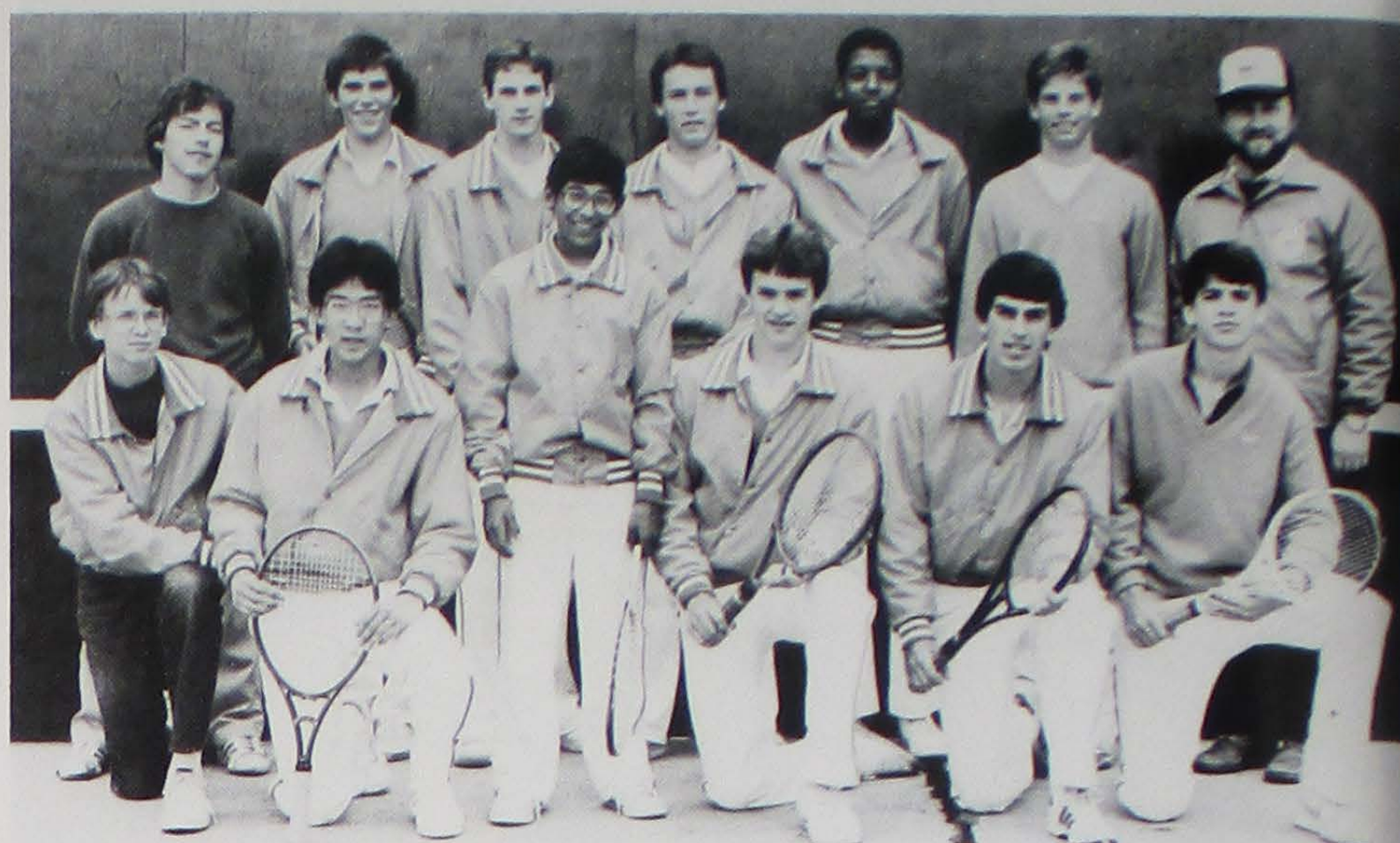
CONCENTRATION. Tennis was a sport that required much skill and concentration. Senior Lisa Huber gets ready to hit a forehand shot. (Photo by Ames Tribune)

MEET THE BALL. In a home meet senior Melinda Hendrickson concentrates on her forehand shot. (Photo by Ann Scott)



STRANGE POSITION. Tennis required a flexible body so the player could go after every ball. Junior Lori Peter bends her legs and arm to get a volley. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

BOYS' TENNIS. Front Row: Richard Dobbs, Buu Nguyen, Sammy Mohammed, Dave Peters, Brad Schabel, Steve Dobbs. **Back Row:** Assistant Coach Micky Stolp, Mike Hilmer, Jim Fenton, Rob Kahler, Joseph Pugh, Steve Nichol, Head Coach Bob Gibbons. (Photo by Ann Scott)



Boys' Varsity Tennis First-ever Team Tourney bid for 22-member squad

Finishing with a trip to the Team State Tournament, the Little Cyclone tennis team capped off an impressive season in 1985.

The team improved its 1984 performance of 7-4 to an impressive 9-2 dual meet record. With the help of the seniors' leadership, the 22-member team qualified for first-ever Team State Tournament.

Senior Brad Schabel commented, "I feel that the team qualifying for team state is more important than sending a couple of players to individual state. It shows that the team has a lot of depth instead of just one or two strong players."

Schabel led the Little Cyclones with a 10-1 regular season record and a district singles championship. Schabel beat team-mate sophomore Steve Nichol in the finals to qualify them both for the State Meet.

Schabel and Nichol were both disappointed in not placing at individual state competition, although they both had fine seasons playing the number one and two spots respectively all season.

The netters finished with a 5-2 Metro Conference record earning them third place in the conference. Coach Bob Gibbons was pleased with how the team competed as the season pro-

gressed. Coach Gibbons also felt the Metro Conference was one of the strongest conferences in the state. The Metro sent two teams to state competition; Ames and West Des Moines Valley, the eventual state champion. Ames tied for third place in the State with Iowa City, City High.

1985 was Coach Gibbons' final year as coach of the tennis team. He's stepping down after six years as coach to finish his Master's Degree.

Senior Rob Kahler said, "Since it was Mr. Gibbons' last season, we all tried to make it a successful one. I think we did a good job of that."

The assistant coach was Mickey Stolp, a former state qualifier from Council Bluffs, Lewis Central. Coach Stolp helped the team by playing the top players to get them prepared for tough matches. Senior Jim Fenton said, "Mickey was easy to communicate with because he used to play for a state-caliber team. He knew what was needed in order to win tough matches."

The 1986 team was expected to be young, but would have good experience backing it. The returning four letterwinners should help the team get ready for the next season. Sophomore Mike Hilmer and junior Steve Dobbs should hold the top spots at the beginning of the season.



Coach Bob Gibbons

Boys' Tennis

Won 12, Lost 3

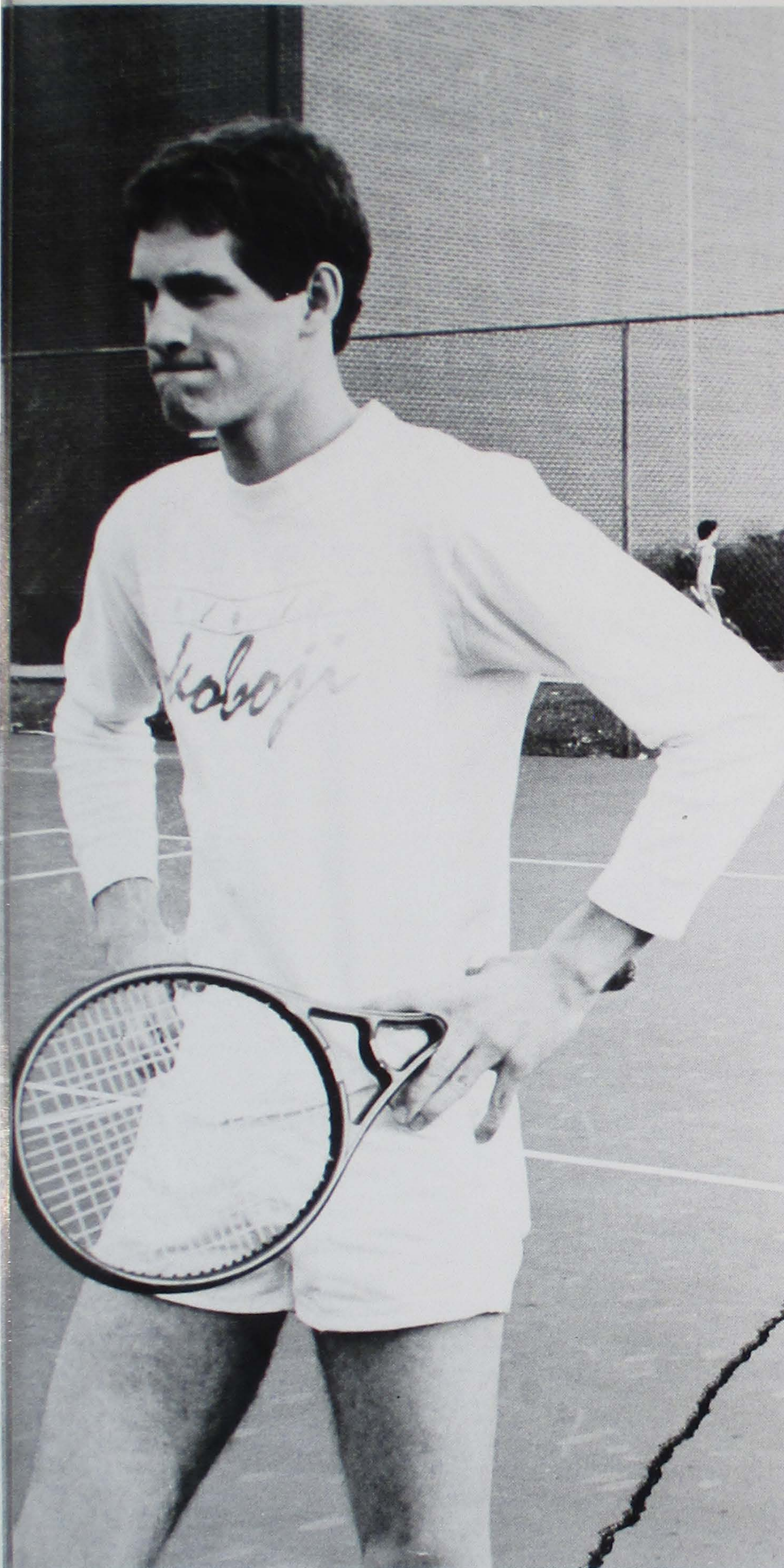
AHS

Opp.

8	Ft. Dodge	1
11	Boone	0
1st	Bobcat Invitational	
4	D.M. Roosevelt	7
11	West D.M. Dowling	0
9	Ankeny	0
8	D.M. East	3
0	West D.M. Valley	11
10	D.M. Hoover	1
11	D.M. North	0
8	D.M. Lincoln	3
8	Marshalltown (substate)	1
6	Ft. Dodge	3
7	D.M. Lincoln (state Tourney)	2
3rd	State Tournament	

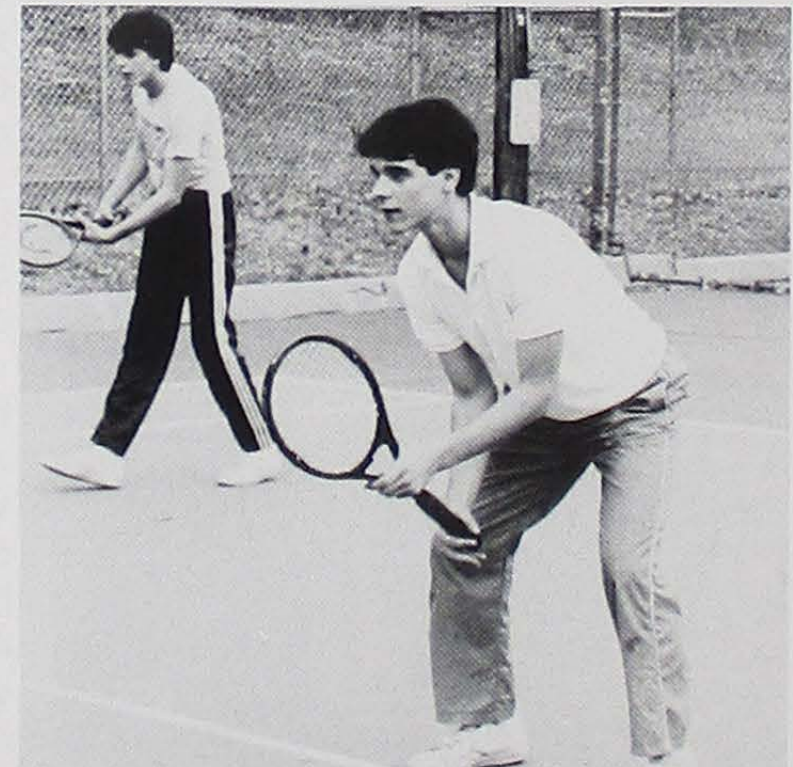
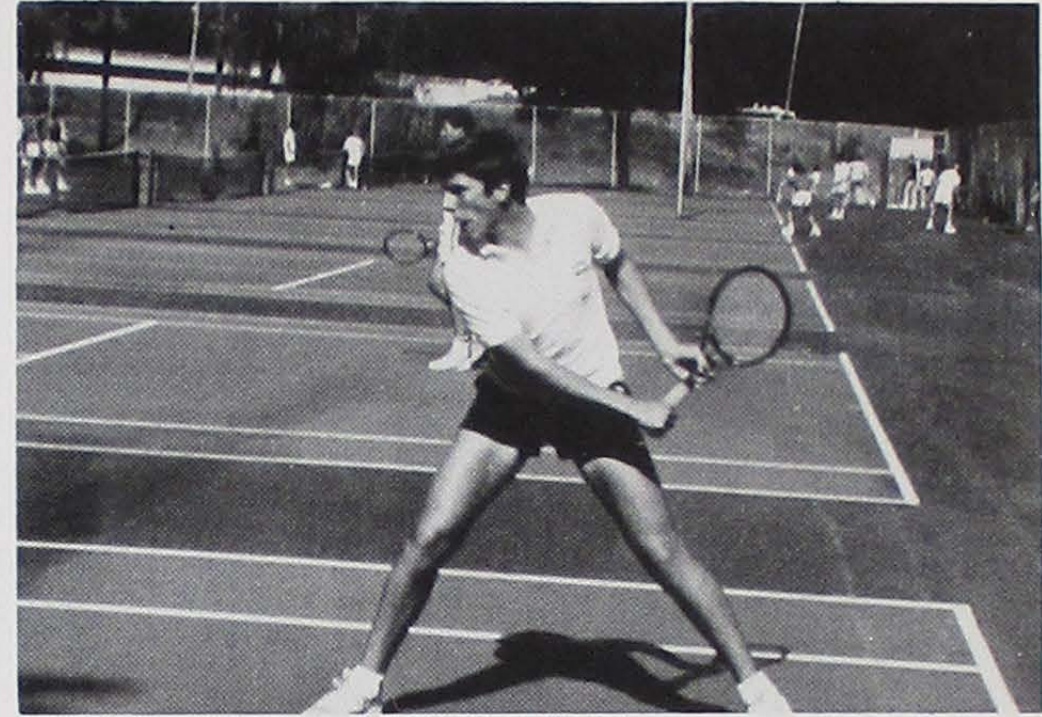


LOB-STER ROBSTER. During one of the early season practices, Coach Bob Gibbons gives instructions as junior Brian Sponcil listens. Junior T.J. Tourange focuses his concentration on a ball fired by the ball machine. (Photo by Mark Hanson)



'?#/\$@! Tennis could be a frustrating sport for some, as exhibited by the grimace on senior Jim Fenton's face after a bad play. (Photo by Mark Hanson)

UMPHI Grunting with effort, senior Brad Schabel watches the follow-through of a practice serve. Schabel was the number one seed for the tennis team. (Photo by Mark Hanson)



ON THE BALL. Under the pressure of a singles match at state competition, sophomore Mike Hilmer keeps his eyes on the ball and steps back for a backhand swing. (Photo by Coach Bob Gibbons)

DOUBLE DEFIANCE. In a practice doubles match, sophomore Kirk Goodwin and junior Scott Dorr prepare to return the opponents' serve. (Photo by Mark Hanson)

GIRLS' TRACK. Front Row: Manager Susan Schmidt, Jana Lynott, Minda Lewis, Gina Thompson, Tami Stempler, Amy Conley, Shannon Scherr, Julie Pearson, Terri Jackson, Laura Wassmuth, Brittany Wombacher, Michelle Tannehill, Becky Kemp, Kyla Clark, Diana Forbes, Manager Barb McGinnis. **Second Row:** Coach Arnt, Coach Bob Jeffrey, Coach John Sletten, Jennifer Edwards, Andrea Ryan, Susan McKlveen, Kim Crow, Lisa Tice, Angie Peterson, Anja Treves, Shantel Keigley, Kristin Tondra, Renee Randau, Anne Dougan, Susan Thompson, Ellen Tait, Valerie Malenchek, Amy Meyers, Liz Chase, Coach Kevin Allen, Manager Ann Yates. **Third Row:** Stacy Morrison, Stacie Jacobson, Georgann Griffith, Tracy Cummings, Kim Briley, Angela Simmons, Denise Anderson, Becky Bishop, Susan Reece, Amy Sams, Carrie Stover, Amy Coady, Lori Green, Lori Birdseye, Lisa Lemanczyk, Head Coach James Duea. **Fourth Row:** Carol Peterson, Susan Litchenberg, Chris Pruhs, Kristin Switz, Jennifer Wohn, Karen Brown, Katharine Middleton Debbie Dry, Sandy Keenan, Laura Austin, Jill Issacson, Kathy Bolinger, Stephanie Rust, Kim Ebbers, Lois McVey, Coach Rick Ballantine. **Back Row:** Jyll Angus, Holly Martin, Karen Koellner, Margaret Baumel, Susan Huss, Vicky Gwiasda, Kristie Burns, LuAnn Forssman, Anne Klufa, Holly Westberg, Kathy Betts, Janet Bredeson, Kim Shanks, Coach Kirk Schmaltz.



Girls' Track Strong individual efforts help capture Metro title

The lead-in for the Saturday May 22, 1985 Sports News on Channel 8 said, "A day for the special K's." They were talking about Roosevelt's Tash Kaiser and Ames High's senior Karen Koellner as they walked away with the state meet. Koellner anchored an 800 in the distance medley for a new state record of 4:04.35. Other members of the record breaking team were seniors Becky Kemp and Michelle Tannehill, and sophomore Gina Thompson.

Coach Jim Duea said, "The reason for the great performance was the talent, and the kids showed the best of their ability. They were really up for it and it was magical." Koellner's other contributions at the state meet included individual wins in the 110 meter hurdles and in the 400 meter hurdles.

Earlier in the season Koellner broke Ames High's bests in both these events with 14.3 seconds in the 110 meter hurdles and 62.5 seconds in the 400 meter hurdles. She was also a part of the 4x100 meter relay's new school record with a time of 49.66 seconds. Other members of that team were Tannehill, sophomore Terri Jackson, and Thompson.

Although Koellner's name and picture

UP AND OVER. Reaching for 4'8", Senior Anne Pougari clears her high jump attempt at the Ames Invitational Meet. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven.)

gained a majority of the press, Ames was a balanced team and well-deserved its first Metro conference title. Senior Holly Westberg felt that the team's depth was, "what made us such a great team."

Possibly the least covered members of the team were the field events people. Amy Myers said, "It was almost like we were two separate teams, but we were both adding points for another Ames victory." Myers was conference champ in the shot put and runner-up in the discus.

The season statistically was one of the most successful for girls' teams in Ames High history. The team went undefeated in the season's dual meets and relays. Another highlight was Ames' first Metro conference win. Another first in history was the first place showing at the district meet in Fort Dodge.

"The ability of the seniors to make the underclassmen feel part of the team was super and everyone had reason to feel good about themselves," said Coach Kirk Schmaltz.

Sophomore Gina Thompson agreed, and felt the season had definitely paid off for her. She said, "It was a great experience to run with Karen, who I'd heard about all through junior high. And although the season got a little monotonous in the middle, Metro and Conference titles made it all worth it."

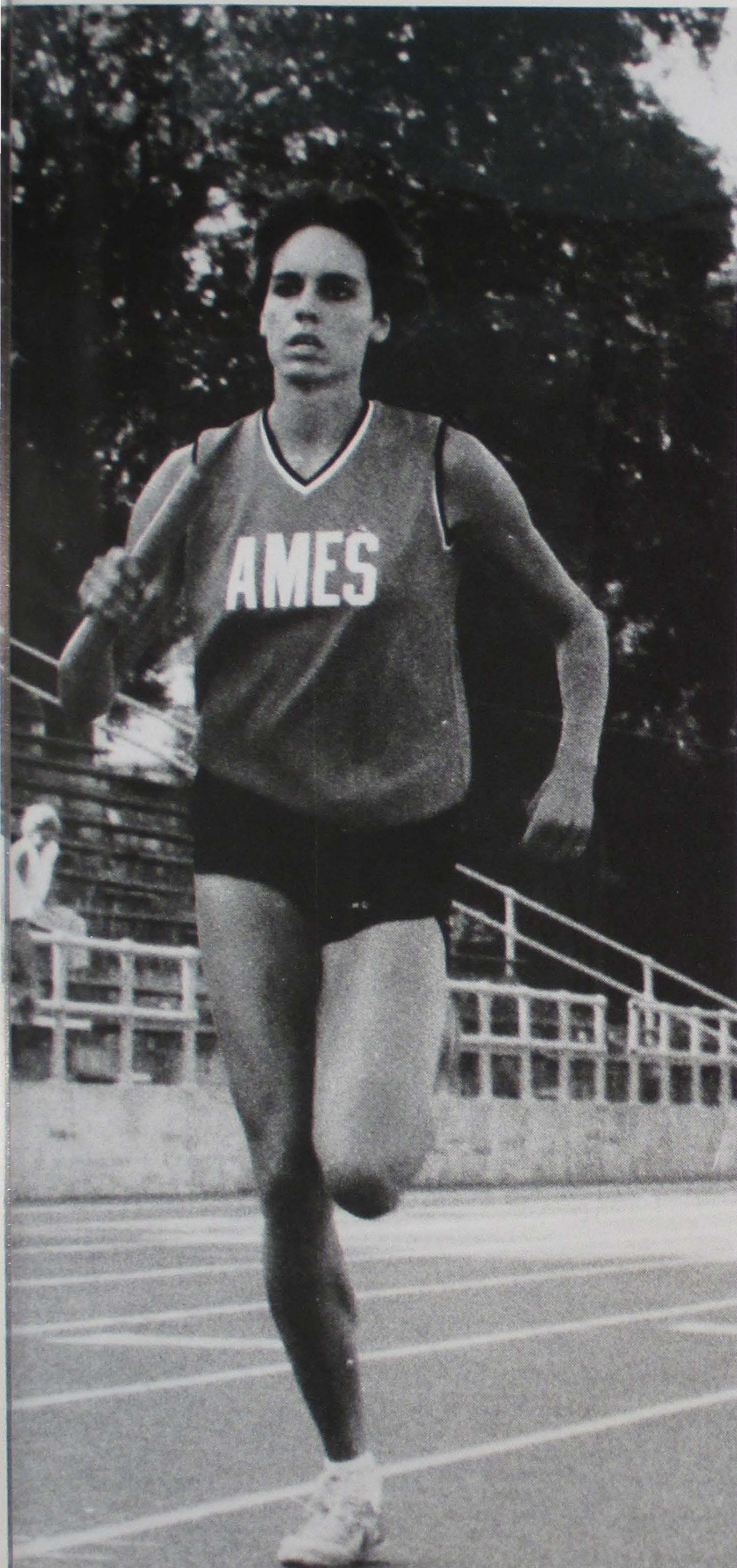


Head Coach James Duea.

Girls' Track 11 First Places

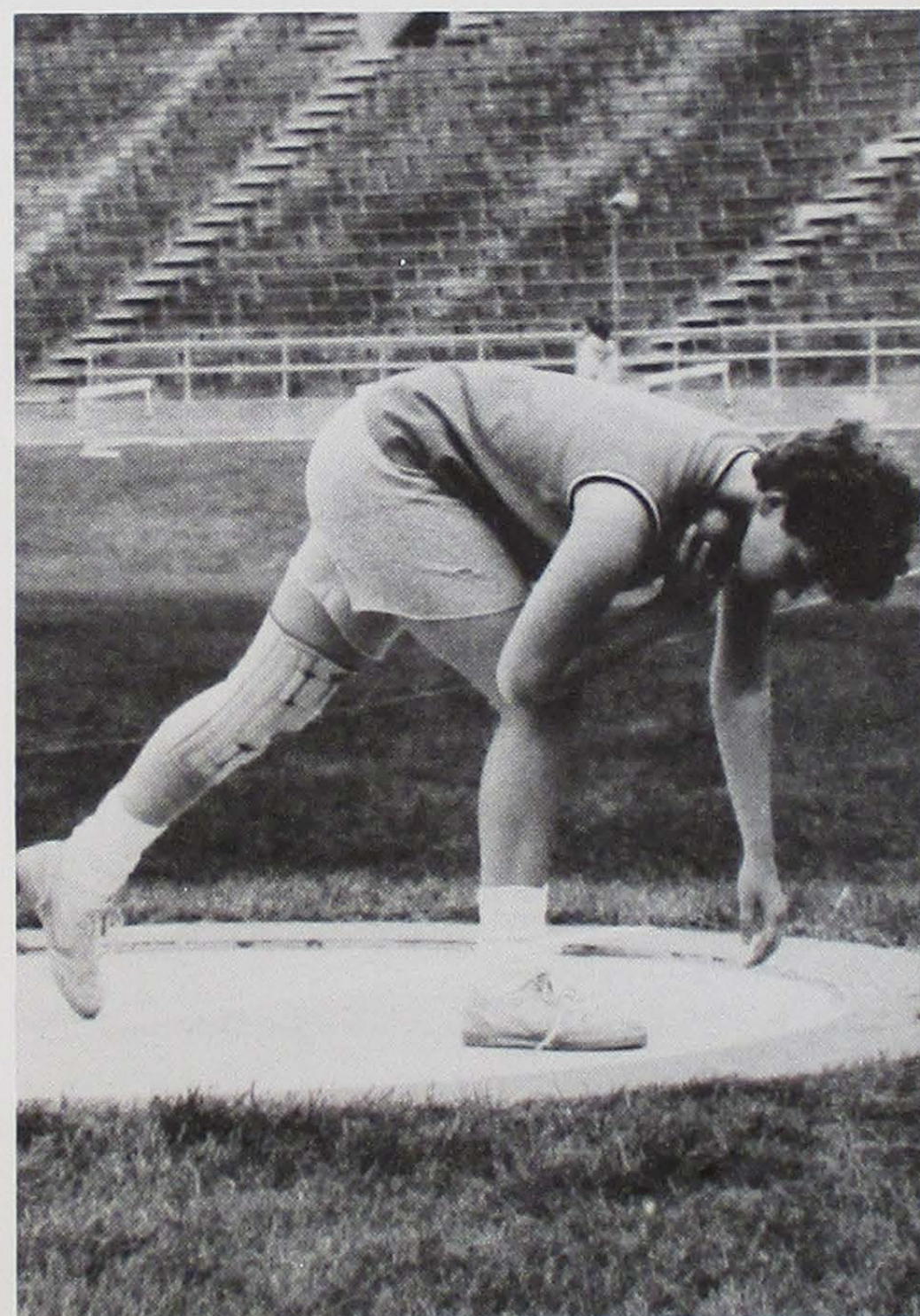
Indianola Dual	1st
Marshalltown Dual	1st
Valley Relays	1st
Urbandale Relays	1st
Indianola Relays	1st
Drake Relays	1st
Ames Invitational	1st
Freshman/Sophomore Conference Meet	1st
Dodger Relays	1st
District Meet	1st
Metro Conference Meet	1st
State Outdoor Meet	3rd





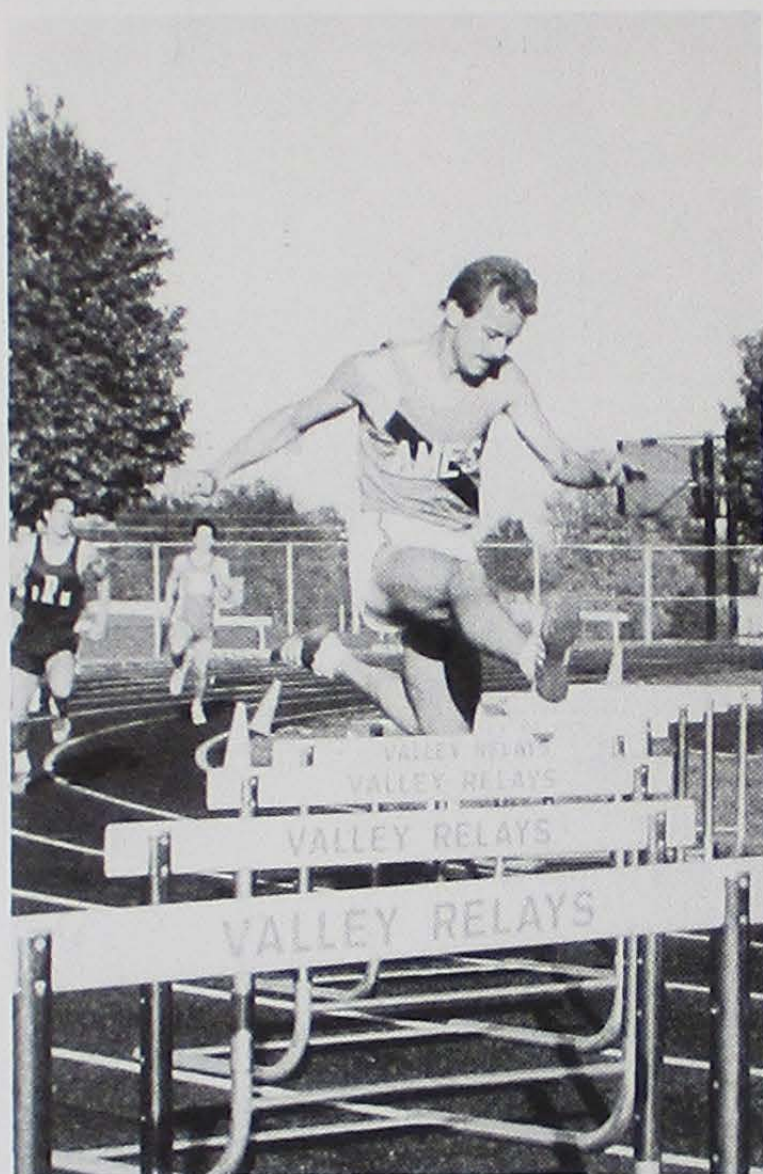
FINISHING STRONG. Bringing in the anchor, senior Karen Koellner finishes the 800 meter leg of the medley relay at the Girls' State meet. (Photo by Chris Benson.)

SETTING NEW RECORDS. The Distance Medley Relay team of Seniors Michelle Tannehill, Karen Koellner, sophomore Gina Thompson, and senior Becky Kemp receive their first place award at the Girls' State Track meet. (Photo by Chris Benson.)



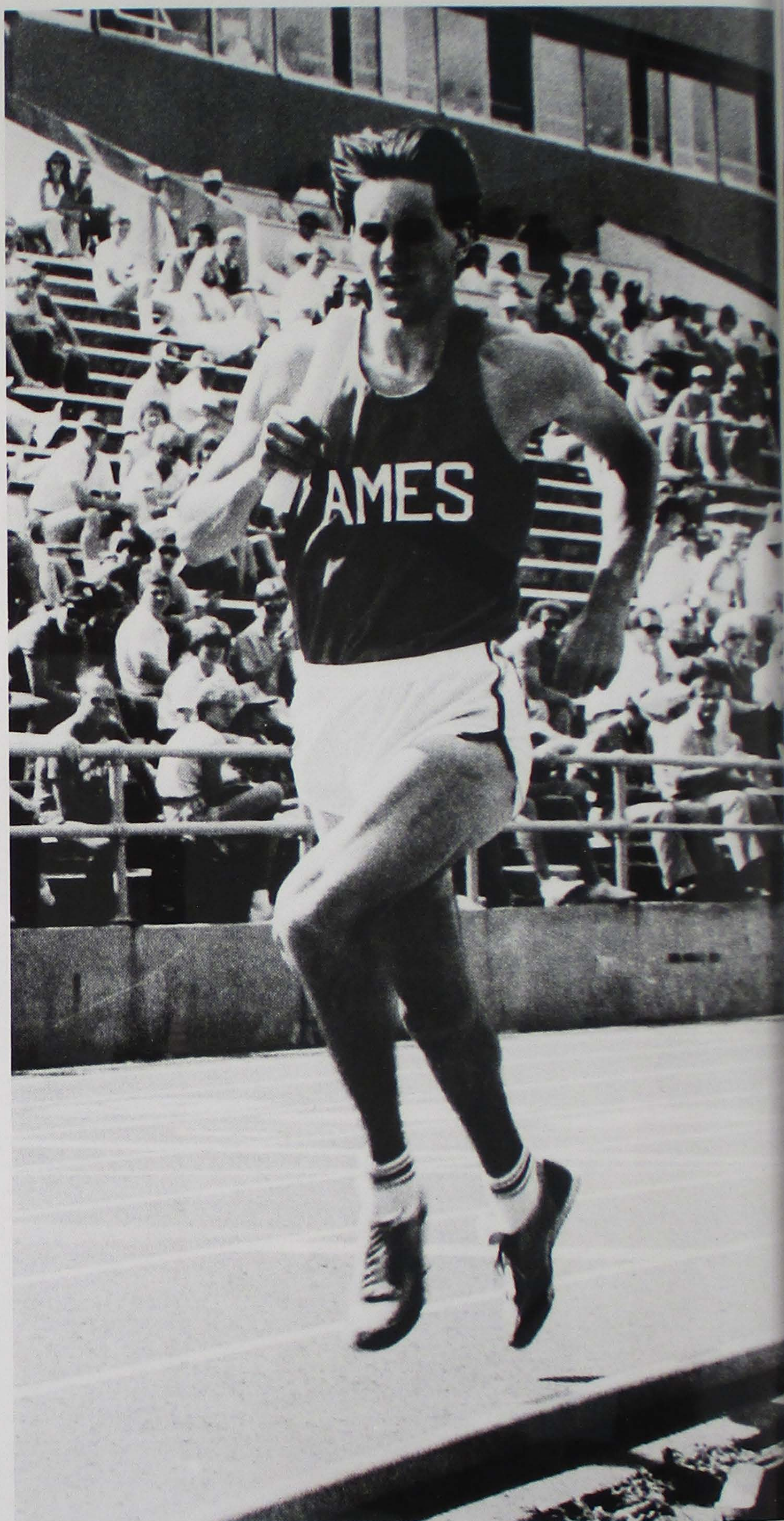
MENTAL PREPARATIONS. Before throwing, Junior Chris Pruhs concentrates for her shot put attempt. Field events, such as the shot put, provided valuable points to the team's score. (Photo by Don Erbach.)

PHOTO FINISH Crossing the line in fine fashion, juniors Darren Milliken and Chris Breillard battle it out at the wire. Both were members of the sprinters' Cock Group. (Photo by Chris Benson)



HOME STRETCH. Coming off the last turn in the 400m low hurdles, junior Chad Greimann leads the rest of the pack to the finish line. Greimann qualified for the State Meet in both the 110m high hurdles and the 400m lows. (Photo by Chris Benson)

STATE CONTENDER. Anchoring the 1600m medley relay to a second place finish at State, senior track ace Jeff Burris leads the team to a school best. Burris ran a 1:52.1 split on the two-lap leg. (Photo by Chris Benson)





BOYS' TRACK. Front Row: Michelle Michaud, mgr., Chris Hill, Dean Shoemaker, Dave Moravetz, Scott Applequist, Ian Hoffman, Dave Cle-mow, Tom Hofer, Brad Pepper, Tom McConnel, Jamey Sharp, Tom Miller, and Dave Voss. **Sec-ond Row:** Coach Jim Duea, Coach Kirk Schmaltz, Dean Bridge, William Johnson, Scott Maehner, Tim Hughes, Loyal Stierlen, Mark Pelzer, Kent Benson, Scott Moore, John Burris, Jerry Hill, Greg Worley, Scott Whigham, Jeff Burris, and Brett Carney. **Third Row:** Head Coach John Sletten, Ethan Steinstra, Todd Coe, Mike Devan, Steve Hoiberg, Dan Goshorn, Craig Kinrade, Tom Lichtenberg, John Glatfelter, Gary Simpson, Chad Greimann, Jeff Johnson, Marty Kiser, Ray Smalling, Paul Weltha, Jayme Dahlke, Don Erbach, Coach Bob Jefferys, and Coach Larry Strom. **Back Row:** Rob Cain, Jeff Hartman, Jim Rougvie, Mark Andrews, Chris Tice, Chris Briellard, Mark Haas, Darren Milliken, Kurt Hockman, Chris Benson, Matt Jones, Bob Cox, Matt Carney, Bob Devens, Bruce Bailey, and Coach Kevin Allen. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)

Varsity Boys' Track

Tracksters grab Metro title, place fourth at State Meet

The track team ended its undefeated regular season with a fourth place finish at the 1985 State Track and Field Championships.

Ames, always known as a track power, displayed their strength throughout the season by winning all dual and multi-team meets against many of the state's top teams.

Throughout the spring, Ames's stiffest competition came from eventual 1985 State Champions and past Big 8 arch-rival Marshalltown. In the four meets the Little Cyclones faced Marshalltown, the Bobcats' strength and depth couldn't match Ames' as they pulled out four meet victories.

In the State Meet, though, it was Marshalltown that had the upper hand. The Bobcats were first with 51 points. Bettendorf and DM Roosevelt tied for second with 32 points, and Ames and WDM Valley tied for fourth with 31 points.

Mental errors and unfortunate situations hurt the team at the State Meet. For example, the 4x100 unit finished third in the relay final which would have provided the Little Cyclones the necessary six points needed for a second place team finish. Unfortunately, the squad was disqualified for a lane violation.

Fourteen Ames tracksters qualified for the State Meet. Senior tri-captain Jeff Burris led the Little Cyclones' charge

with a first place in the open 800m run and anchored the 1600m medley and 4x800m relays to a second place finish. The medley consisted juniors Matt Jones and Darren Milliken and senior Bob Devens along with Burris. Teamed with Burris in the 4x800 were sophomores Brett Carney and John Burris and senior Scott Whigham.

At State, school records were broken in the open 800 by Burris, the medley and the 4x800. Burris ran 1:54.82, the medley did 3:29.48, and the 4x800 was clocked in 7:47.46, under the Iowa All-time Best. Senior Jerry Hill finished third in the 110m high hurdles and Carney placed third in the open 800 in 1:56.56.

"Three of the top five teams at State are from the Metro, so you can see the type of competition we've faced all spring," said tri-captain Kurt Hockman. Even with such tough opponents, Ames won the Metro Conference track title for the second year in a row. Ames had only been in the Metro for two years.

The season had several highlights, such as Burris' outstanding performances meet after meet. Senior Gary Simpson won the Metro pole vault title and cleared 13'-6" several times. Hill and junior Chad Greimann were considered the top two hurdles in the state for much of the season and senior tri-captain Greg Worley had the fifth best time in the 3200m in Class 4A. He also qualified for state in the 1600m run.

Coach John Sletten

Boys' Track

10 First Places

AHS

90
96
1st
1st
1st
1st
1st
1st
1st
1st
4th

West Waterloo
Ankeny
Drake Indoor Relays
Bobcat Relays
Hi Covey Relays
Ames Invitational
Ankeny Invitational
Hawk Relays
Valley Relays
Metro Conference Meet
State Meet

Opp.

52
46



"REDI" Passing the baton during the 4x200m relay, junior Darren Milliken signals senior Mark Haas for the stick. The sprint groups for Ames were very consistent, qualifying in the 4x100, 4x200, 4x400 and the 1600 sprint medley relays for the State Meet. (Photo by Chris Benson)

SOFTBALL. Front row: Kathleen Brewer, Jenny Craig, Heather Christenson, Jenny Wall, Anne Coady, Tammy Baker, Lori Beaudry. **Second row:** Shannon Scherr, Emily Schaffer, Janet Bredeson, Stacey Jacobson, Andrea Ryan, Ricci Moore, Debbie Perrin. **Back row:** Dana Seehafer, Amy Myers, Nancy Ostendorf, Michelle Tannehill. (Photo by Greg Nelson)



CATCHING HER BREATH. Freshman catcher Heather Christenson hangs up her mask as she watches a teammate at bat. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

STRIKE ONE. Swinging at a low ball, senior Dana Seehafer misses the first pitch at the Roland-Story Classic. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

Summer Softball New diamond, more depth work for team's advantage

Having great offense, great defense, and dependable pitching, all on the same day, was the name of the game according to Coach Bud Legg. The 1985 girls softball team looked like they could fill the bill.

Legg molded his squad around four returning seniors. Third baseman Dana Seehafer, who received Metro Conference honorable mention last summer, was back after leading the team in hitting and fielding a year ago, was joined by catcher Amy Myers and outfielders Michelle Tannehill and Nancy Ostendorf.

The team was missing a few key players. Senior starter Barb Farrar, Metro conference honorable mention, toured Europe and the Soviet Union as a Presidential Ambassador, while seniors Julie Stoeker and Lisa Lemanczyk chose not to return. "You always hate to lose good players no matter what the reason," Legg said, "But we have good depth and we are having a good season."

The one thing that Legg said would be a great advantage was that the team could now have a real home field advantage.

This was the first time the Little Cyclones got their chance to host teams on their own diamond. In previous years the girls played all of their home games at North River Valley Park. This summer marked the opening of the brand new softball field at the high

school. The lighted diamond was constructed last summer.

Senior Amy Myers said, "When we play we feel more comfortable because we can practice there. When you're comfortable you can concentrate on winning."

The team combined great quickness and power hitting for a strong offensive unit which proved successful. Another asset was team attitude. "We were like a family and that made us play better," said junior Stacy Jacobson. Sophomore Emily Schaefer agreed. She said, "Everyone seems to get along, and it's a team sport. When we get along so well together it's a lot easier to win."

Legg said the Metro again looked to be full of talented teams, while the Little Cyclones also played a rigorous non-conference schedule. Sophomore Shannon Scherr didn't find this to be a disadvantage, "It's really exciting, but it's better to keep busy." Ames challenged the top two teams from last fall's state championships, Ankeny and Boone, and took on county rivals Nevada and Roland-Story.

The softball team anticipated a great season with a new diamond and a strong team. "Even without three key players, we four seniors worked together to lead our last high school team to a successful season," said senior Michelle Tannehill.



MAKING THE PLAY. Throwing a curve, sophomore Shannon Scherr concentrates on her pitch. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

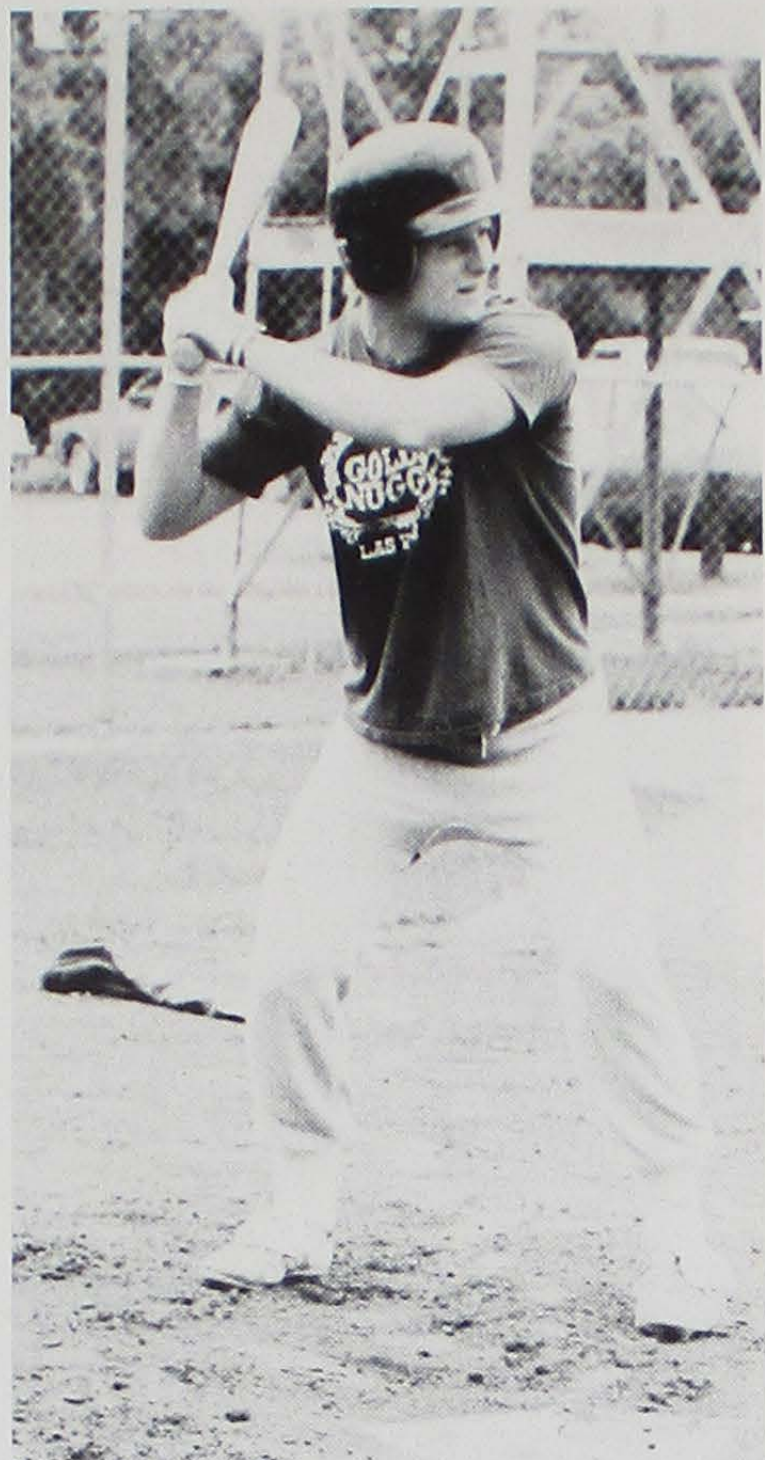
YOU'RE . . . OUT! Freshman Heather Christenson stops a home run as she tags out a Fort Dodge player. (Photo by Barb Farrar)



HERE IT COMES. Sophomore Ricci Moore pitches as freshman Tami Baker looks on. The team was comprised of many young players. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

BEHIND THE PLATE. Waiting for a pitch, junior Doug Greiner is ready to catch. Greiner has played catcher for several years. (Photo by Amy Bleyle.)

UP TO BAT. One of eleven returning letterwinners, senior Jeff Bundy concentrates on batting. Bundy played third base. (Photo by Amy Bleyle.)



WIND UP. Brookside Park sets the scene for pitching practice for senior Ritchie Chieves. Chieves also played third base. (Photo by Anja Trebes.)





BASEBALL RETURNING LETTERWINNERS. Front row: Ritchie Chieves, Bret Posegate, Dave Stenberg, Dave Beitz. **Back row:** Kevin Hansen, Tom Shakeshaft, Steve Cook, Dan Emmerson, Jeff Bundy. **Not pictured:** Chris Benson, Bob Cox.

Baseball

Improvement, success at State become team goals

"We hope to improve with every game, finish in the top three in the Metro Conference, and make it to the state tournament," said Coach Dave Posegate, listing the team's goals early in the season.

Going into the season, the team hoped to better its 1984 record of 12-16.

Eleven returning letterwinners added a lot of experience to the team. "Quite a few juniors got to play last year," explained senior Steve Cook.

One advantage the team had was that players returned at each position. Senior Bret Posegate returned as catcher. Infielders who came back included senior Ritchie Chieves at third base, senior Tom Shakeshaft at shortstop, junior Bob Cox at second base and senior Dave Beitz at first base. Senior centerfielder Chris Benson and senior outfielders Cook, Dan Emmerson, and Kevin Hansen also played again this season. Returning pitchers included Beitz, Shakeshaft, and Chieves.

The team's experience especially paid off in the areas of speed and defense. "The group's strong point is speed, and the defense is also pretty decent," said Shakeshaft. "The hitting could be improved," he said.

Coach Posegate commented, "The team was also aggressive at the plate." However, he said, "We never have enough pitchers and are always looking for the third, fourth, and fifth place pitcher positions."

"As long as Dave Beitz is pitching, things will go well," said Shakeshaft. Beitz compiled a record of 5-2 with a 2.13 E.R.A. in 1984. He was named to the first team All-Metro and second team All-District.

Team members generally felt that the Metro was a tough conference. "I feel that if we were in the Big Eight Conference, the competition would be much tougher," said Chieves. Coach Posegate felt both conferences were equally difficult.

Special AHS Baseball schedules were printed and distributed for the first time. Each schedule was printed on the reverse side of a picture of one of the eleven returning letterwinners. A hundred and fifty cards were given to each player to distribute once they had earned more than \$90 for the Marathon game. Besides the picture schedules, uniforms were also purchased with the money from the Marathon game.



GROUP TALK. At the end of practice, Coach Dave Posegate discusses some strategy with team members. (Photo by Anja Trebes.)

TIME OUT. Taking a break from practice, senior catcher Bret Posegate watches fellow teammates work on drills. (Photo by Amy Bleyle.)

JV plays vital role in improving athletes and teams

A very important part of athletics at Ames High was the junior varsity teams and their participants. Their competitiveness and desire to win helped their respective teams to improve through the seasons.

During the fall, the JV softball team compiled a record of 5-2 while as many as 15 girls saw action. Because seven seniors graduated after the summer season, Head Coach Bud Legg was very optimistic. "The experience the girls will have by playing on the JV should start reaping in the benefits next fall," he said.

Another coach who was optimistic about the next season was JV baseball coach Craig Kruger. He returned several fine players from last summer's 12-7 squad.

Although the JV football team ended the season with a 1-4 record, Coach Bob Jeffery said that it was successful in that, "some players who didn't play on the varsity at the beginning of the season, played on the JV team and gained experience. Then they played quite a lot at the varsity level near the end of the season."

The boys' and girls' cross country teams finished another fine season last fall. The girls were unbeaten in all but two meets. That accomplishment could be attributed to "very good inner-team competition that improved the girls' performance," said Coach Kirk Schmalz. While, as sophomore Brittany Wombacher put it, "JV gives you good competition without too much pressure." Boys' Coach John Sletten said he felt "the key to a good varsity program is a good JV program."

The boys' and girls' basketball teams displayed good attitudes and remained confident as they played many tough games. The boys finished with a 4-4 record while juniors Bob Cox and Chad Greimann saw action in several varsity games. "My experience on JV made it easier to play varsity because it gave me confidence and experience," said Greimann.

The girls ended the season with a win over Des Moines East to improve to 4-

5. However, Coach Legg felt that the win-loss record made no difference, stating that the main purpose is to "develop skills, gain experience, and have fun."

In wrestling, there were quite a few JV competitors who had the opportunity to wrestle varsity. This was partly due to meets being scheduled close to each other, and wrestlers at certain weights would rotate into the starting line-up. Coach Jack Mendenhall's team competed everytime there was a varsity dual and also had three tournaments to participate in. Sophomore Brett Carney said, "The JV meets were just like varsity meets to me. I still get really fired up to wrestle."

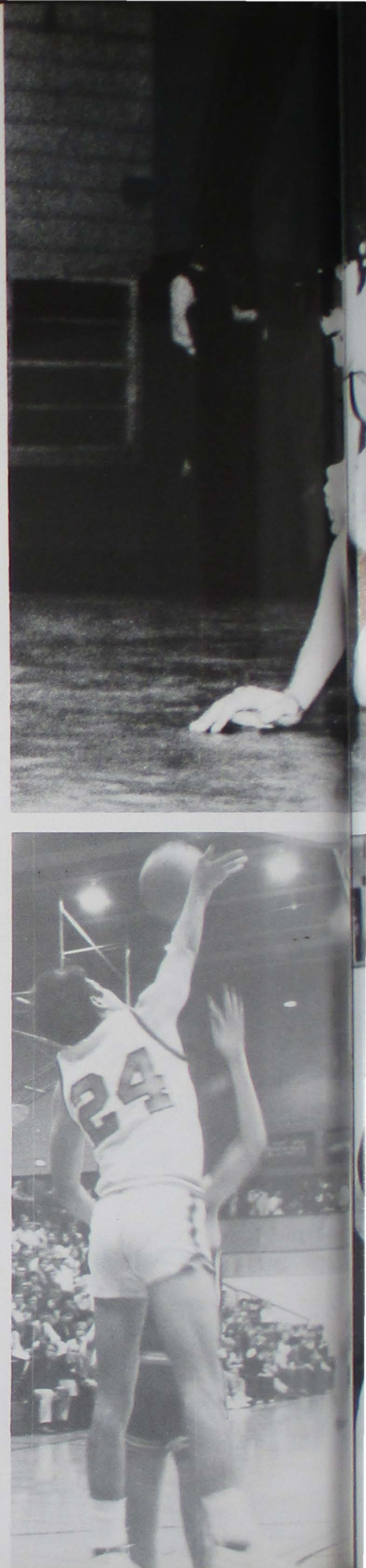
For a hockey team that was one of the best in the state, the JV team was very important. About one-half of the JV team played in varsity games. In some cases, varsity players played a different position in JV to gain experience at those positions. The team, coached by Noel Erickson, was expected to win the JV State Tournament for the third year in a row.

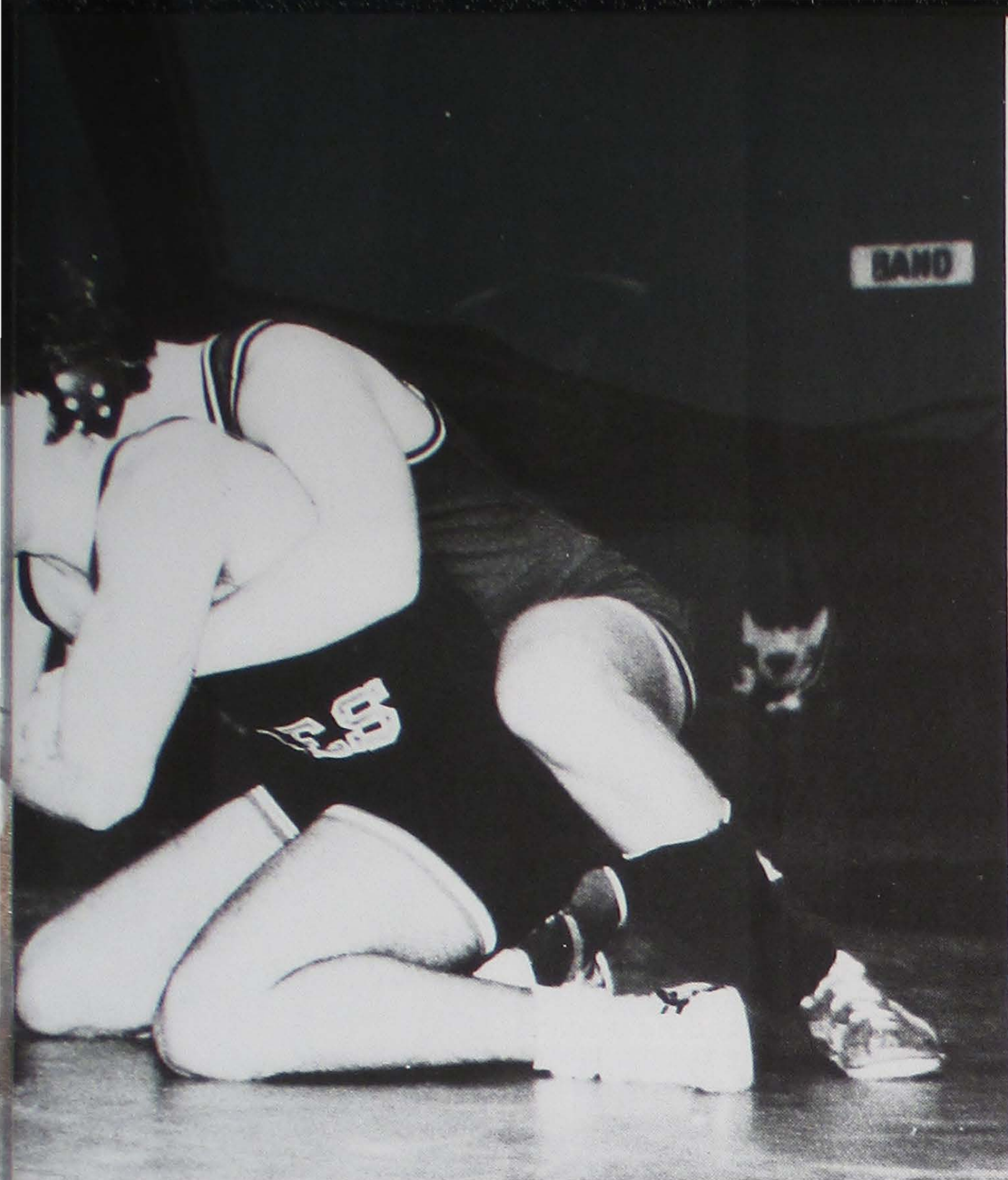
The track teams continued to dominate the track scene and that could partly be credited to the fine JV programs. Junior varsity competitors pushed their varsity teammates and "kept them honest," according to Coach Sletten. "In track, an athlete's performance is not subjective. The athlete with the lower time or the higher jump will be the one competing at the varsity level," he said.

Girls' coach, Jim Duea, was optimistic about the spring season as his team returned several key performers from last year's squad.

The JV programs at AHS were very beneficial to both the participants and the teams. To players who normally wouldn't get much playing time, JV was a valuable way of gaining experience, improving skills, and having fun.

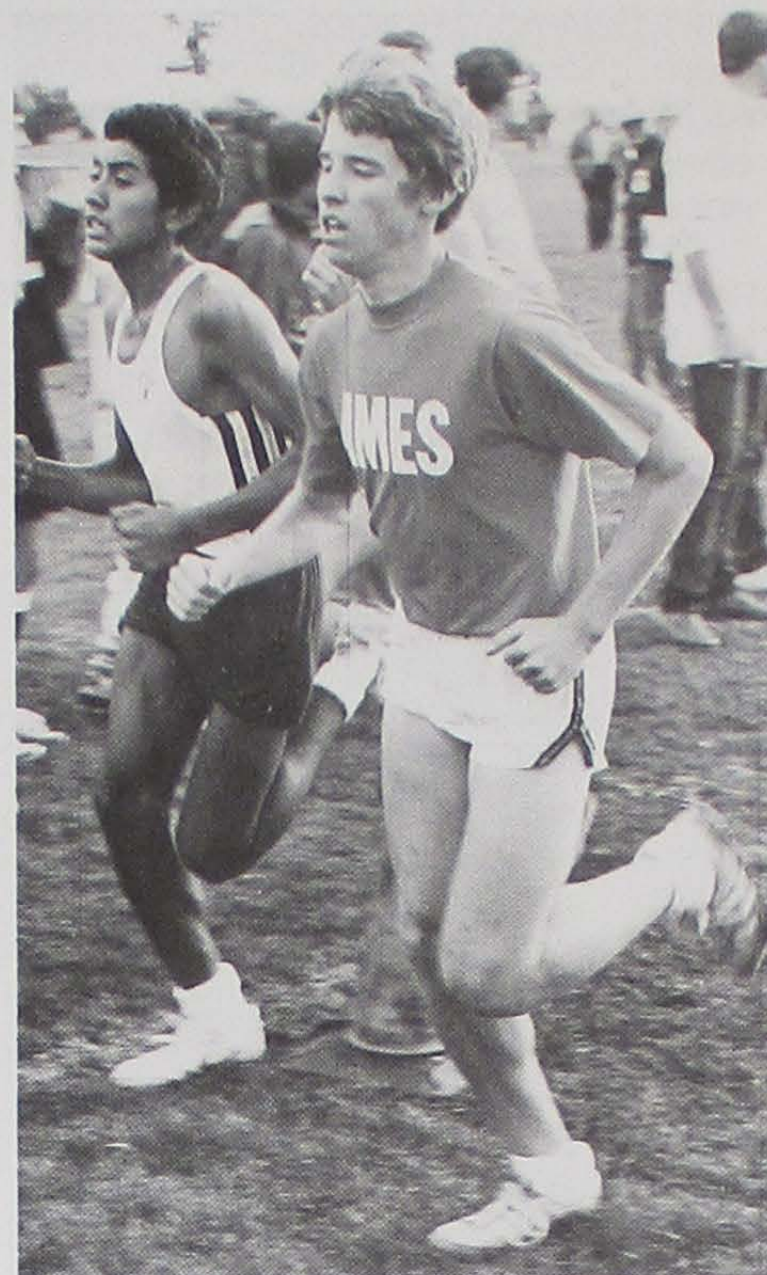
IN YO' FACE. Playing a reserve roll in a varsity contest against Marshalltown, junior Bob Cox rejects a shot by a Bobcat. Cox and several others were often called on to play in varsity games. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)





READY TO ROLL. Trying to gain position at the Ames Invitational, senior heavyweight Matt Carney prepares to roll his opponent. Junior varsity wrestlers often rotated into the starting line-up. (Photo by Amy Bleyle)

MAKIN' A MOVE. Running at a JV meet in Ankeny, junior Tom Miller moves past another runner on his way to the finish line. The JV teams played an important part in overall team strength. (Photo by Barb Farrar)



GETTING THE REWARD. After finishing the race at the Urbandale Invitational, sophomore Brittany Wombacher receives her ribbon. Wombacher was one of the top JV performers. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)

ON THE MOVE. Chasing the puck in a JV game against Waterloo Public, sophomore Steve Nichol heads up the rink. The hockey team was expected to win State for the third straight year. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)

Athletes receive special recognition for performance

Over 50 athletes were honored for their outstanding accomplishments in their respective athletic fields during the 1984-85 seasons. The athletes were chosen to the All-State and/or All-Metropolitan Conference teams by coaches, sportswriters and conference selection committees.

Headlining the selections were two of Iowa's most-celebrated track performers. Since their sophomore seasons, seniors Jeff Burris and Karen Koellner had received state and national exposure.

Burris was a two-sport athlete for Ames High, track and cross country. Finishing second in the 1984 State Cross Country Meet, he was invited to the All-American Cross Country Championships in Denver, Colorado. Burris was a member of the 1983 state champion 4x800 meter relay team, and in 1984 anchored the 1600m sprint medley, 4x400, and the 4x800 relay teams to second, third, and fourth places, respectively, at the State Meet. Head Track Coach John Sletten said, "(Burris) is definitely one of the best middle distance runners I have ever coached." Owing school records in the 400, 800, and sprint medley relay, Burris was considered the state's top middle distance runner.

Koellner had been in the spotlight since her freshman season when she ran one of the fastest quarter miles in Iowa. As a sophomore, Koellner received Honorable Mention All-American honors for her performances in the 100m hurdles and 400m dash. She had won eight state titles and established numerous meet, school, and conference records along the way. At the 1983 State Meet, Koellner scored 28 of Ames' 29 points as the team placed third. Foot injuries kept her out of competition for

much of her junior season. Then, as a senior, she once again dominated the track, leading Ames to the Metro title and breaking four records at the 1985 State Meet. "Karen is one of the outstanding girl track athletes that has ever competed in Iowa, not just because of her performance, but also because of her versatility," said Head Coach Jim Duea.

In addition to those two outstanding athletes, there were many others who helped Ames High shine throughout the seasons. Sophomore Don Erbach helped Ames was selected the top defenseman of the Midwest, in hockey.

Football player Charles Vondra, a senior, was voted the team's Most Valuable Player and was invited to play in the annual Shrine Bowl game for the North squad.

Junior Phil Bishop easily dominated the diving boards throughout the season and won the diving championship by more than 100 points.

Wrestlers Sean Watt and Bob Thompson, both juniors, placed second and third, respectively, at the 1985 State Tournament. They, plus other squad members, competed in National Freestyle Wrestling Tournaments to improve their skills.

Senior Anne Dougan was one of the top gymnasts in the state, placing fourth in the all-around, and second in the uneven parallel bars. She was named to the All-State team as a freshman and junior, also.

These All-State and All-Metro athletes, as well as the many more who participated throughout the seasons, helped make Ames High teams a cut above.



FOOTBALL

All-State

Charles Vondra, 3rd Team, DB
Chris Benson, Special Mention, WR

All-Metro

Charles Vondra, 1st Team, LB
Chris Benson, 1st Team, WR
Tom Shakeshaft, 1st Team, QB
Chuck Arnold, 1st Team, DT
Kevin Hansen, 1st Team, DB
Matt Carney, 2nd Team, OT

Marty Kiser, 2nd Team, TE
Doug Glock, 2nd Team,

FALL SOFTBALL

All-State

Amy Myers, Special Mention, C
Dana Seehafer, Honorable Mention, 3B
Barb Farrar, Honorable Mention, SS

BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

All-State

Jeff Burris, 2nd Place

BOYS' BASKETBALL

All-Metro

John Glotfelty, 3rd Team, G

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

All-State

Karen Koellner, Honorable Mention, F

All-Metro

Karen Koellner, 2nd Team, F
Luann Forssman, Honorable Mention, G
De Hummel, Honorable Mention, G

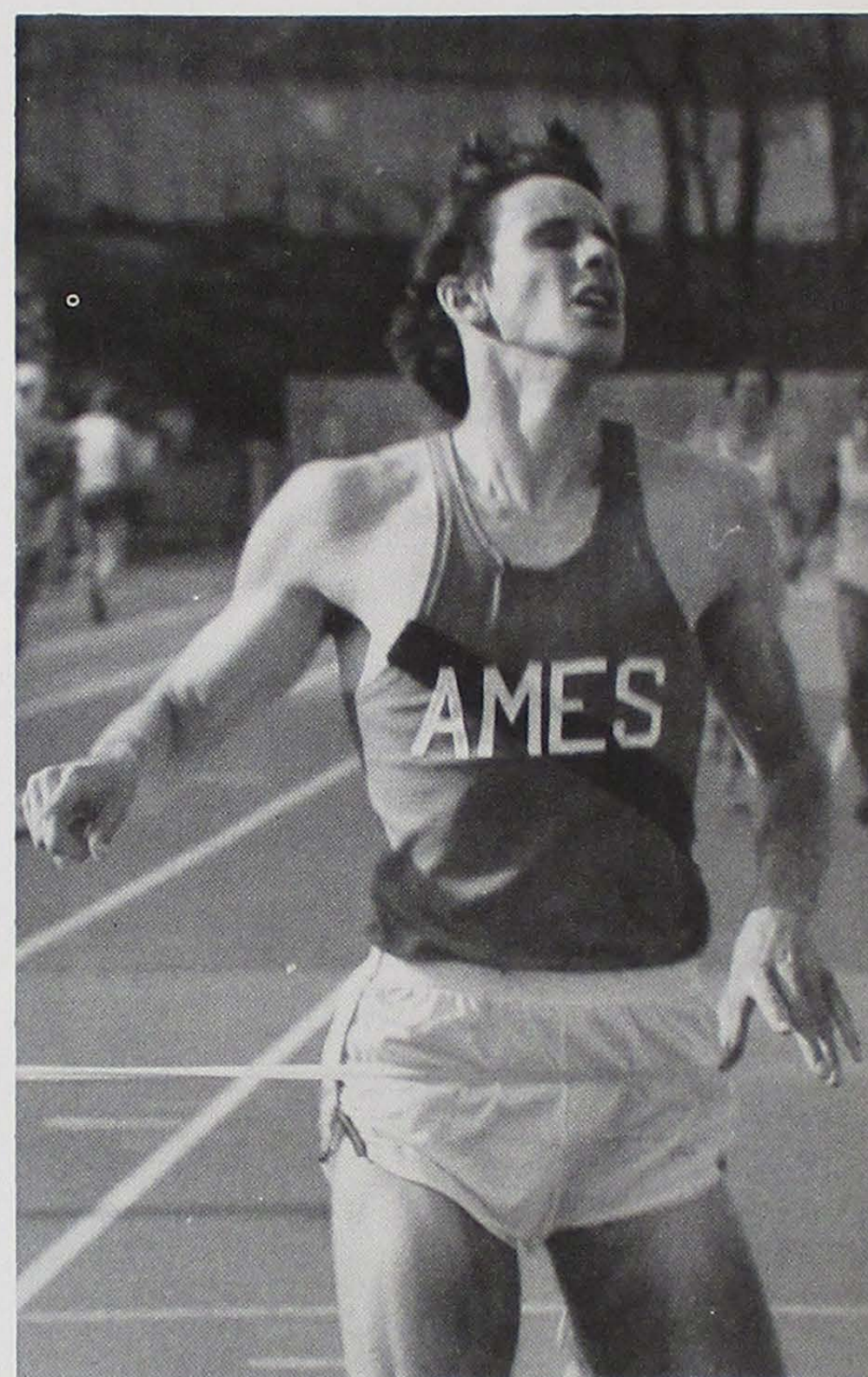
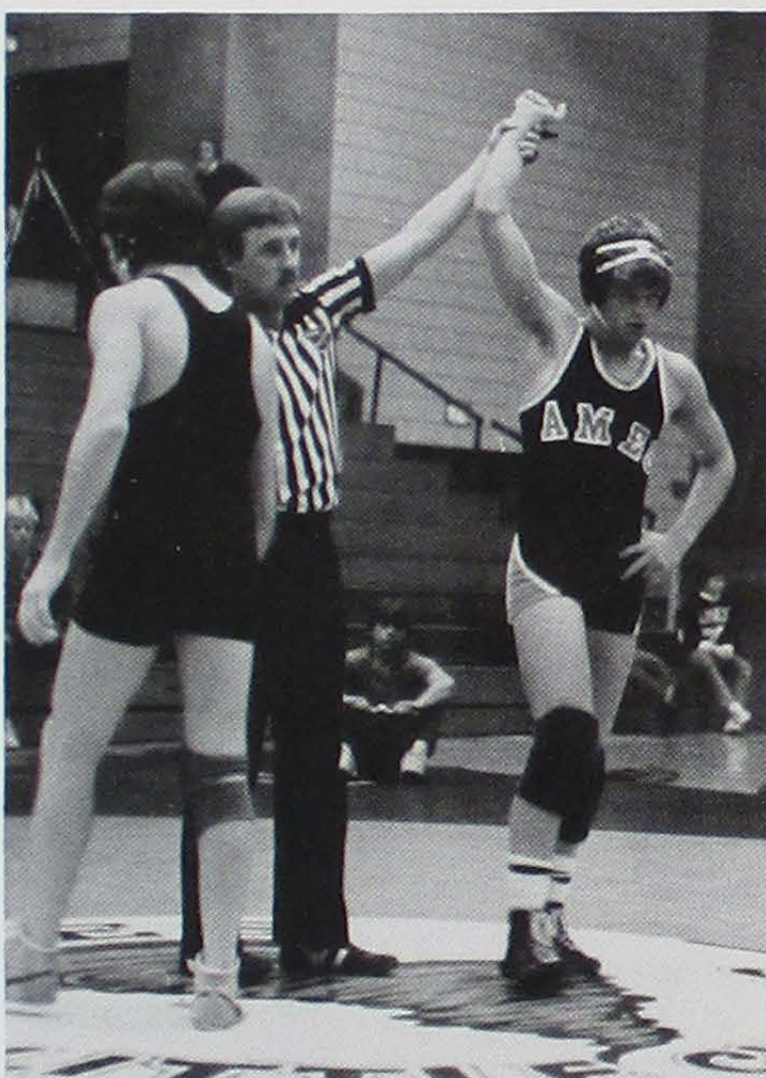


EASY VICTORY. Running at the 1985 Drake Relays, senior Karen Koellner coasts to a 2:15.1 victory in the 800 meter run. Koellner was considered the top hurdler and middle distance runner in the state. (Photo by Ames Tribune).



WHAT STYLE. Doing it with a little pizzazz, senior Anne Dougan finishes her floor routine with the grace and style that took her to the State Meet four years in a row and earned her All-State honors three times. (Photo by Anne Scott).

ONE MORE DOWN. Raising his hand in victory, junior Bobby Thompson wins another match. Thompson placed third in the 1985 State Tournament at 145 lbs.. (Photo by Dana Seehafer).



BREAKIN' THE TAPE. Crossing the finish line first, senior Jeff Burris breaks away from the pack at the 1984 Metro Championship. Burris had been known as the top half-miler in Iowa for the past two years. (Photo by Ames Tribune).

HOCKEY

All-State

Steve Cook, 1st Team, F
Don Erbach, 1st Team, D
Scot Johnston, 1st Team, F
Scott Jackson, 1st Team, G
Scott Whigham, Honorable Mention, D
Greg Sieber, Honorable Mention, D
Bill Norris, Honorable Mention, F
Doug Glock, Honorable Mention, F
John Newell, Honorable Mention, F

Rob Mitchell, Honorable Mention, F

WRESTLING

All-State

Sean Watt, 2nd Place 98 lbs.
Bobby Thompson, 3rd Place 145 lbs.

GYMNASTICS

All-State

Anne Dougan, 2nd Place Uneven parallel bars
4th Place All-around

BOYS' SWIMMING

All-State

Phil Bishop, 1st Place Diving
Dwight Bergles, Honorable Mention 50m, 100m

GIRLS' SWIMMING

All-State

Jodi Richard, Honorable Mention Breaststroke

(Editor's Note: Track statistics were unavailable at time of publication)

AN OLD FRIEND. Alumnus Jim Thomas helps senior Greg Worley after his race. Former Ames High athletes were often avid fans. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)

GO GUYS GO! Football fans, Amy Healey and Nancy Taylor, root for the home team. Seniors often insisted on occupying the front bleachers. (Photo by Barb Farrar)



Despite season records fans support their favorite teams

While lots of students participated in sports, others preferred to support their favorite team with loud cheers and black and orange attire.

In the fall, it was common to see girls in the halls wearing their favorite players' jerseys.

During the winter, Matmaids made posters and sent encouraging messages to wrestlers. Matmaid Karen Brown said, "I like to support Ames High, but you can only be a cheerleader for one season. I thought this was the best way to get involved during the winter."

As spring rolled around, more fans than ever seemed to pop up at the track meets.

People were supportive of different

sports for different reasons. Sophomore Abby Moore particularly liked the boys' swim meets. Being a swimmer herself, Moore said, "A lot of the guys (boy swimmers) came to our meets, so I think it was nice for us to go to some of theirs. We kind of helped each other out."

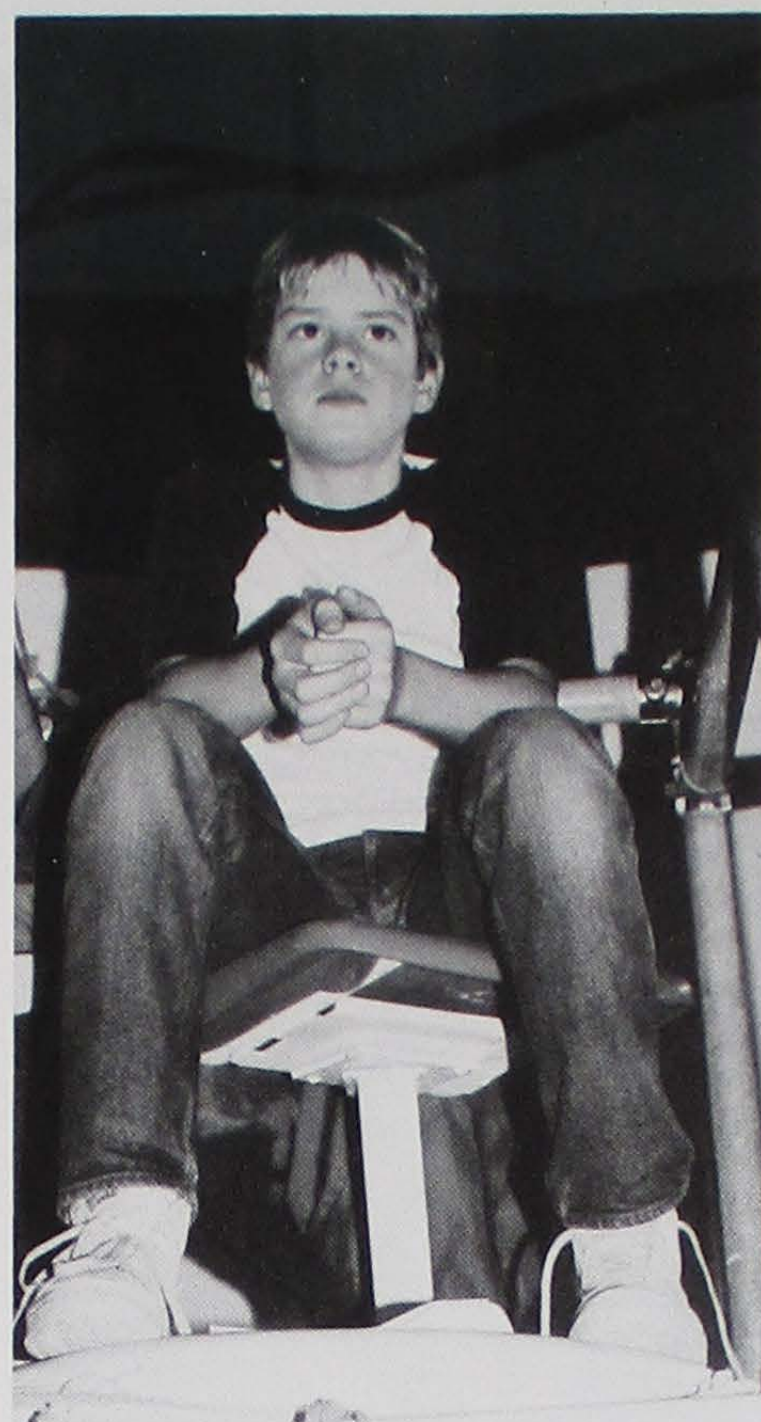
Senior Amy Myers went to most of the varsity girls' basketball games. She said, "A lot of my friends played, and I knew a lot about it, so it was super fun. I liked cheering for my friends."

Although there were fans for every sport, the big attractions seemed to be football and boys' basketball. Junior Beth Evans was one of those who liked the basketball games. "It's fun to watch," she said, "and besides that it's a great place to talk to people that you never see in school."





SIBLING SUPPORT. Fans came in all sizes. From up high, sophomore Suzi Coolbaugh's younger brother gets a better view of the swim meet. (Photo by Vel Randic)



CROSS COUNTRY CHEERS. Supporters cheer as senior Jeff Burris runs by in the State Cross-Country Meet which was held in Ames. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)

HELPING OUT. At the Mason City meet, senior Matmaid Ann Yates cheers. Matmaids also decorated wrestlers' lockers and made them cookies. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

Managers, trainers Hard work that pays off

Long hours and no credit. That was the life of a manager and trainer. Staying up late to check in equipment, or having to get up early to be at a mandatory practice; the life of a manager never stopped when the final buzzer went off at the end of the game.

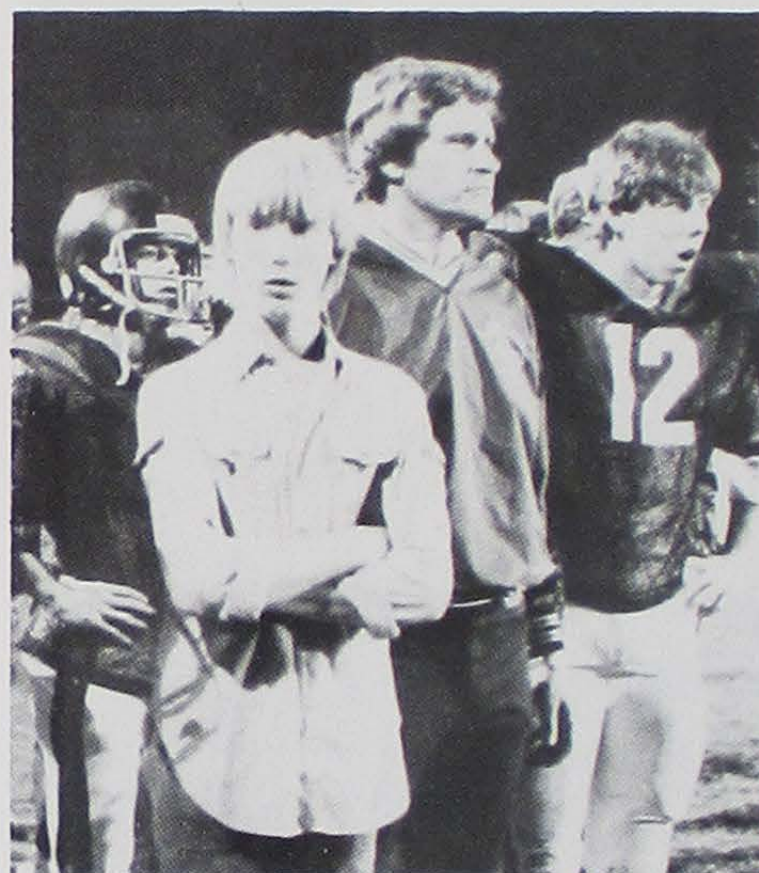
"Being a football manager had its advantages and disadvantages. The advantages were being part of the team and being around the sport I loved. The disadvantages were having to stay up late and wash all the game pants and jerseys. But truly the advantages outweighed the disadvantages," explained senior manager Geoff Goudy, who had managed for the last three years.

The managers didn't get their names in the paper, or score any points, they did get satisfaction out of their part time occupation. "I had a lot of friends on the team and being a manager was just one way of getting to see them more often," said junior basketball manager Tim Stenberg.

When a player went down on the court, the trainer's job became visible. Ron "Bear" Green had been head trainer at Ames High for the last 15 years. Last year for the first time in

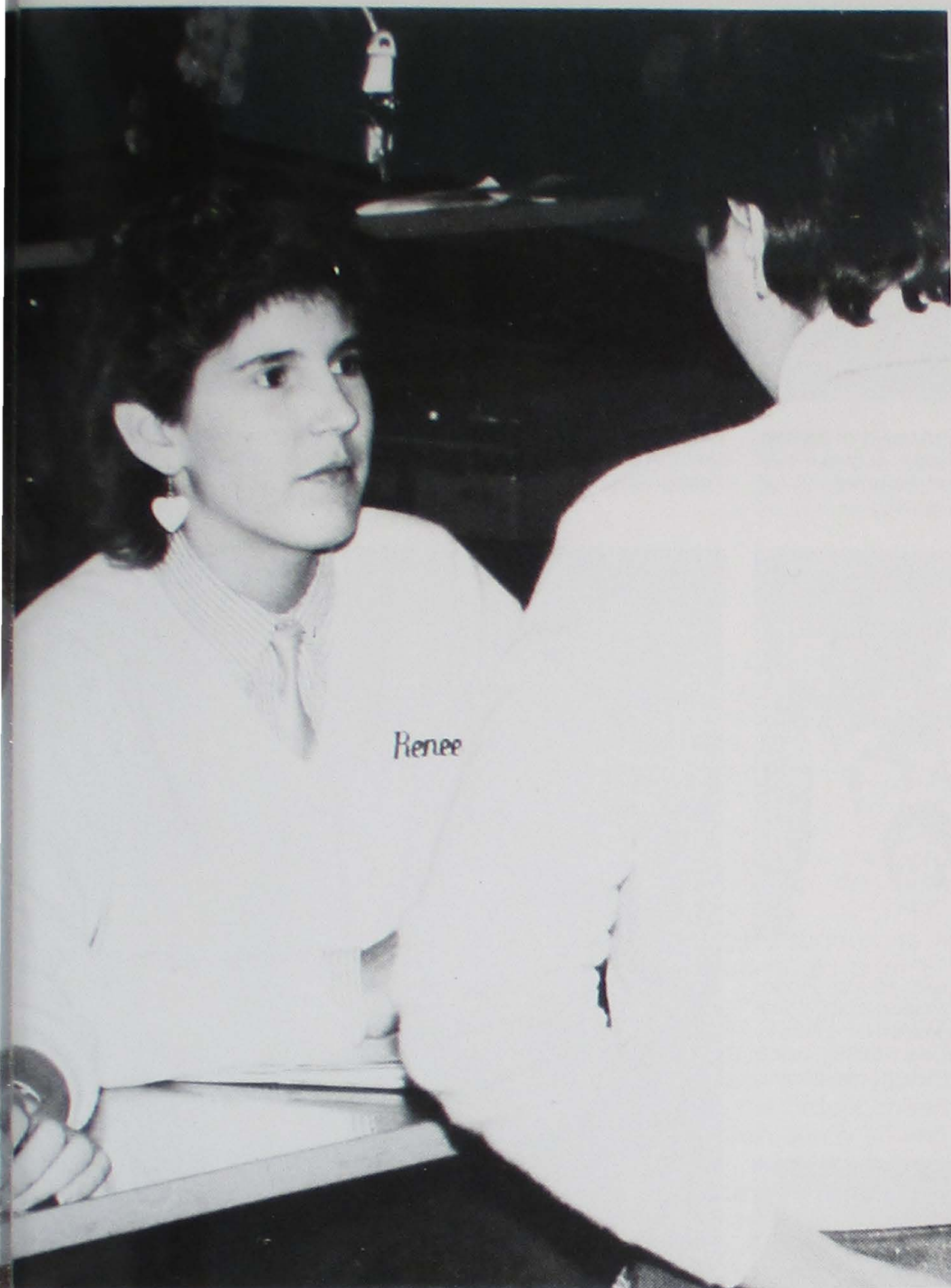
school history, Bear had two girls trainers along his side. Sophomores Julie Jorgenson and Denise Anderson were under the guidance of Bear, to take a little pressure off his work. "Working with Bear was quite an experience. I don't know if Ames High knows how lucky they are to have him," said Anderson.

RIGHT HAND MAN. Always being around the coach, sophomore football manager Tim Doty observes the action. Being a manager was a good way to be up close to the action. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)



LOOKING ON. Senior manager Jim Fenton and junior manager Time Stenberg look on as the varsity boys basketball team warms up. Fenton adopted manager's duties due to an injury which prohibited him from playing. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)





TALLYING THE SCORE. While cheering for their favorite wrestlers, senior Diane Martin and sophomore Renee Randau keep the official statistics. Often matmaids were called upon to keep the scorer's book.

"WHAT'S THE TIME?" Chris Tice and Chris Hill check their times with junior cross country manager Michelle Michaud. Managers were often called upon for various time questions and details. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)



Bear receives overdue recognition



Ron Green - "Bear"

Taping ankles and wrapping knees were all a part of sports. Ron Green had done the work for the Little Cyclones for the last 15 years. "Bear", as the athletes and coaches came to know him, had done his part for the Little Cyclones quietly, but finally was recognized for his duties at the 1984 varsity football banquet. He received a plaque of recognition for his value to Ames High athletics.

"It was about time that Bear got a little recognition for his services here. Bear is

not only a good trainer, but a great person to be around," said senior football manager Geoff Goudy. Being a trainer for all sports, Bear often had a busy schedule. Starting out with football, cross country, and swimming, Bear went through the seasons and ended with track.

"Bear loves being involved in sports. Being a trainer was just one way that he could be around sports and the people," concluded sophomore trainer, Julie Jorgenson.



FALL VARSITY CHEERLEADERS. Harry Laudencia, Ann Yates, Jerry Schrag, Karen Brown, Natasha Wilson, Eric O'Berry, Jenny Bower, Teresa Suarez, Karen Hunter, Mark Grundmann, Lisa Tice, Shaun Connolly. **Not Pictured:** Kristen Egeland, Tom McConnell. (Photo by Craig Carroll Photography)



FALL SOPHOMORE CHEERLEADERS. Georgann Griffith, Kristen Koch, Lauri Herman, Amy Deatherage, Terri Jackson, Jennifer Holte, Shantel Keigley, Kerrie Archbold, Margie Townsend. (Photo by Craig Carroll Photography)



MATMAIDS. **Front Row:** Susanne Tachibana, Laura Dowd, Teresa Suarez, Renee Randau. **Second Row:** Becky Whitmer, Mariella VanderGaast, Karen Brown, Marie Muench. **Third Row:** Marsha Sunstrom, Kathy Knight, Gina Nelson. **Fourth Row:** Lori Green, Nicole Faas, Melanie Craven, Margaret Habing, Jayne Showers. **Back Row:** Dianne Martin, Kathy Brockman, Melisa Bass, Marsha Zimbeck. (Photo by Barb Farrar)



PEP BAND. **Front Row:** Teresa Westphal, Kristen Reynolds, Miya Sioson, Kathy Lynott, Dave Swift, Bob Smithson. **Second Row:** Mark Hanson, Paul Searls, Jeni Rieck, Shannon McCoy, Mary Fanning, Jim Walhof, Craig Weltha, Kevin Maak, Eric Stone. **Third Row:** Michelle Barber, Steve Dreyer. **Fourth Row:** Kevin Wobig, Jenny Dolphin, Mark Andrews, Tracy Frank, Ingrid Ewing, Pat Kearney, Mike Fanning. **Back Row:** Rich Voelker, Doug Lastine, Mark Oakland, Gordon Brown, Bryce Pierson, Andy Miller, Mike Ripp, David Dobson, Jon Zaentz, Jeff Pfeifle, Nathan Nyvall, Scott Moore. **Not Pictured:** Jean Benson, Tami Cott, Steve Fehr, Linda Graver, John Osweiler, Dave Pady, Craig Stroup. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)





WINTER SOPHOMORE CHEERLEADERS. Front Row: Barb McGinness, Kymm Ziebold, Heather Clapp, Kristen Vander Schaaf. Back Row: Kris Berhow, Lori Sposito, Kristen Wierda, Erica Emmel, Joan Haas, Kim Allen, Jenny Baker, Sonia Deluca, Julie Jorgensen. (Photo by Chris Benson)

WINTER VARSITY CHEERLEADERS. Front Row: Sandy Collins, Claudia Cox, Julie Pearson, Christine Budnik, Cathy Stidwell, Jenny Ferris. Back Row: Amy Burrell, Kim Shanks, Brenda Briley, Julie Tschetter, Lori Birdseye, Lori Van Sickle, Rachel Ulrichson. Not Pictured: Beth Evans. (Photo by Chris Benson)

Spirit fires up the crowd

When the team or fans needed a lift there were a few groups that could get the job done. These groups were the cheerleaders, matmaids and members of the pep band.

"Cheerleaders help the crowd get excited which I think helps the players," said winter captain Lori Van Sickle.

Besides cheering the team on to victory, the cheerleaders did a lot of behind-the-scene work, such as poster making, organizing pep assemblies, and conducting fund raisers. "Most people don't realize that this takes more time than the actual cheering," said fall co-captain Jenny Bower.

During the wrestling season, matmaids attended the meets, cheered and encouraged the wrestlers.

Matmaids were assigned one or more wrestlers and decorated their lockers, bought them candy or baked them cookies before the meets. "Being a matmaid gets us to know the wrestlers

better, and they really appreciate the things we do for them," said senior Teresa Suarez.

While the cheerleaders were cheering, the pep band played for the crowd, and according to drummer Bob Smithson, "The response to the upbeat music and drum playing was immediate."

"Without the pep band at the basketball games, it would be very boring. The band really gets the crowd moving," said senior Julie Slater.

While some said cheerleaders didn't do anything to fire up the crowds and teams, others thought that they were needed very much. "I think cheerleaders are one of the things that aren't appreciated much when they're around, but they would be missed if they weren't," said Bower.

"I think the cheerleaders, mat maids, and pep band do a great job of firing up the crowd and raising school spirit," said senior Stacy Dalton.



PIN 'EM, PIN 'EM! Screaming encouragement to an Ames wrestler during the Mason City meet, senior Jayne Showers shows her enthusiasm. Matmaids attended the meets to show the support for the wrestling team. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

GO, FIGHT, WIN! Cheering for a girls' basketball game against North-Tech, junior Amy Burrell brings spirit to the crowd. Cheerleaders fired up the fans and players during the games. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)

LITTLE CHEMIST. Observing and recording notes were the major parts to any science lab. Senior Amy Theile checks the amount of magnesium in her test tube for her experiment in mixing elements. (Photo by Barb Farrar)





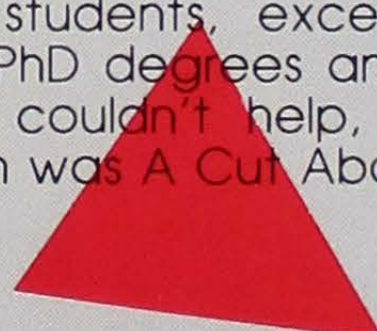
e had quite a reputation. Throughout the state and the nation, Ames High was well-known for its bright students and excellent classes.

As usual we had a large number of National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists. Fifteen seniors got the honor after receiving their PSAT scores. We also did extremely well on other college boards. With an average score of 22 on the ACT, we had the second highest score in the state where the average score was 20.

Not only were we improving, but so were our facilities. A new computer lab was put into the old drafting room. This lab helped to accomodate our growing interest in disks, Apple computers and word processing. During the fall, a \$68,000 greenhouse was built onto the science wing and provided the biology students a chance to study botony and grow such plants as poinsettas and Easter lillies.

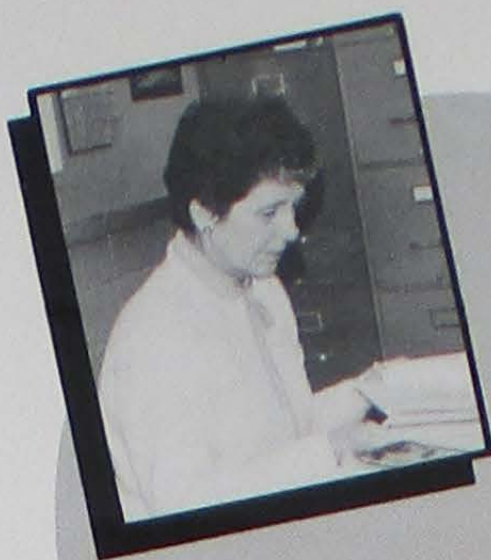
We also had exceptional teachers helping us with litmus paper, the cosine of 35 and the correct way to give an after-dinner speech. Mr. Ken Hartman, a science teacher, won the 1984 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching, as well as a new Tandy computer for the school.

With our above average students, excellent teachers, six of whom had PhD degrees and a challenging curriculum, we couldn't help, but have an academic life which was A Cut Above.



CLASSES

a cut above



Competition

"To compete is to strive to better oneself or one's performance."

Mrs. LoAnn Campbell
English Teacher

Students benefit from academic contests

"It's important to recognize students on the academic levels," said German teacher Sonja Darlington. Mrs. Darlington gave her second and third year German students a chance to participate on the AATG (American Association of Teachers of German) National Standardized Test for high school students.

"I think it's important that the students know how well they do on a national exam. We're in a vacuum in Ames and they need an outside source analyzing what's being accomplished," said Mrs. Darlington.

Many teachers felt that students who took nationalized or standardized tests profited from the knowledge and experience they gained from the test.

English teacher Mrs. LoAnn Campbell said, "Anytime a student gets more practice in using the language, it improves the skills."

"If you're one of the winners, then your name is sent to colleges with good writing programs so that you will be contacted," said Mrs. Campbell about the National Council of Teachers of English writing contest in which juniors Erica Fuchs, Suzie Merideth, and David Ross won.

The University of Northern Iowa Science and Math Symposium which was held on November 15 and 16 was an exam in which students competed for a four-year tuition scholarship in science or math discipline.

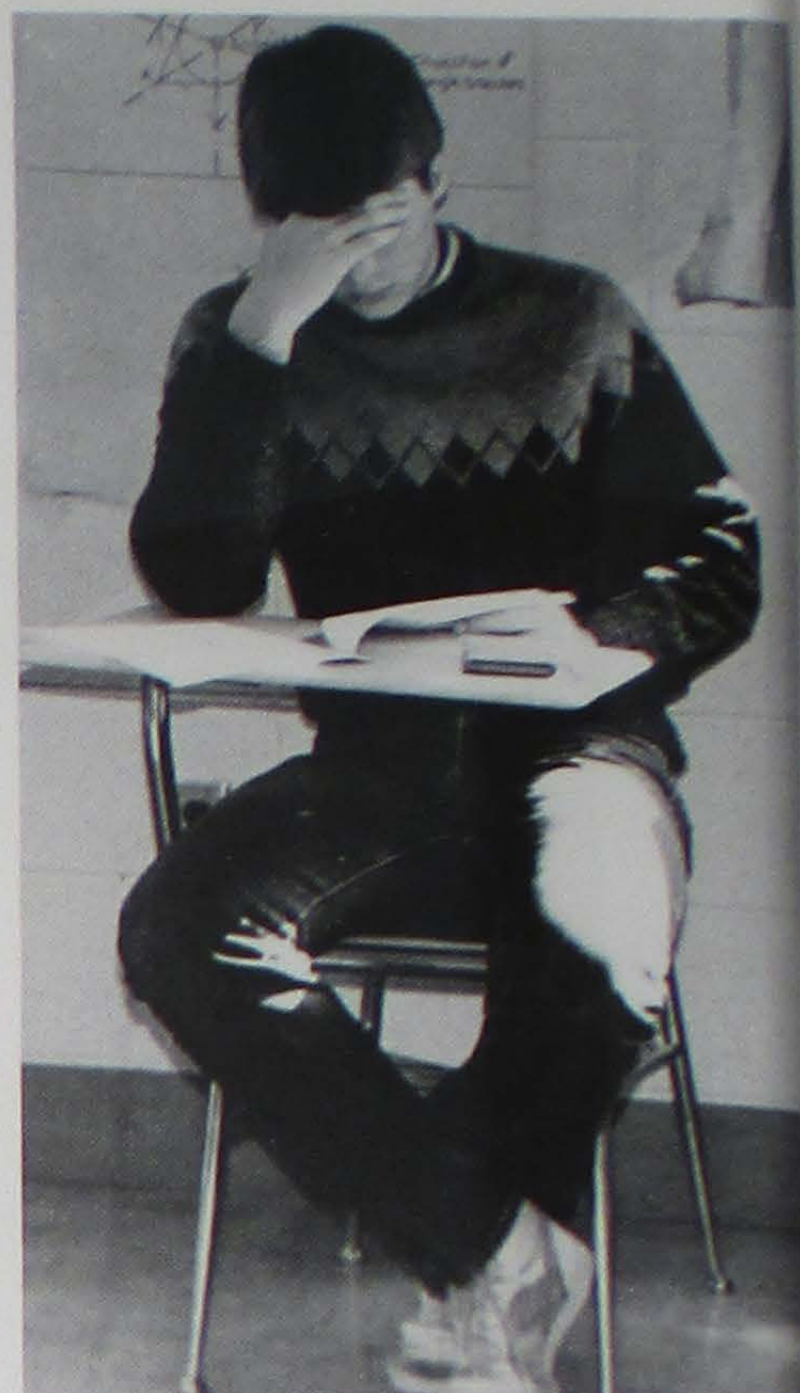
Seniors Kris Reynolds and Andy Balinsky won four-year tuition scholarships in math. Andy Balinsky also won a \$200 cash prize in math while senior Nina Leacock won a \$100 cash prize in physics.

On February 1, the Drake Physics Examination was held at Ames High. The top prize was a full four-year tuition scholarship for Drake University only.

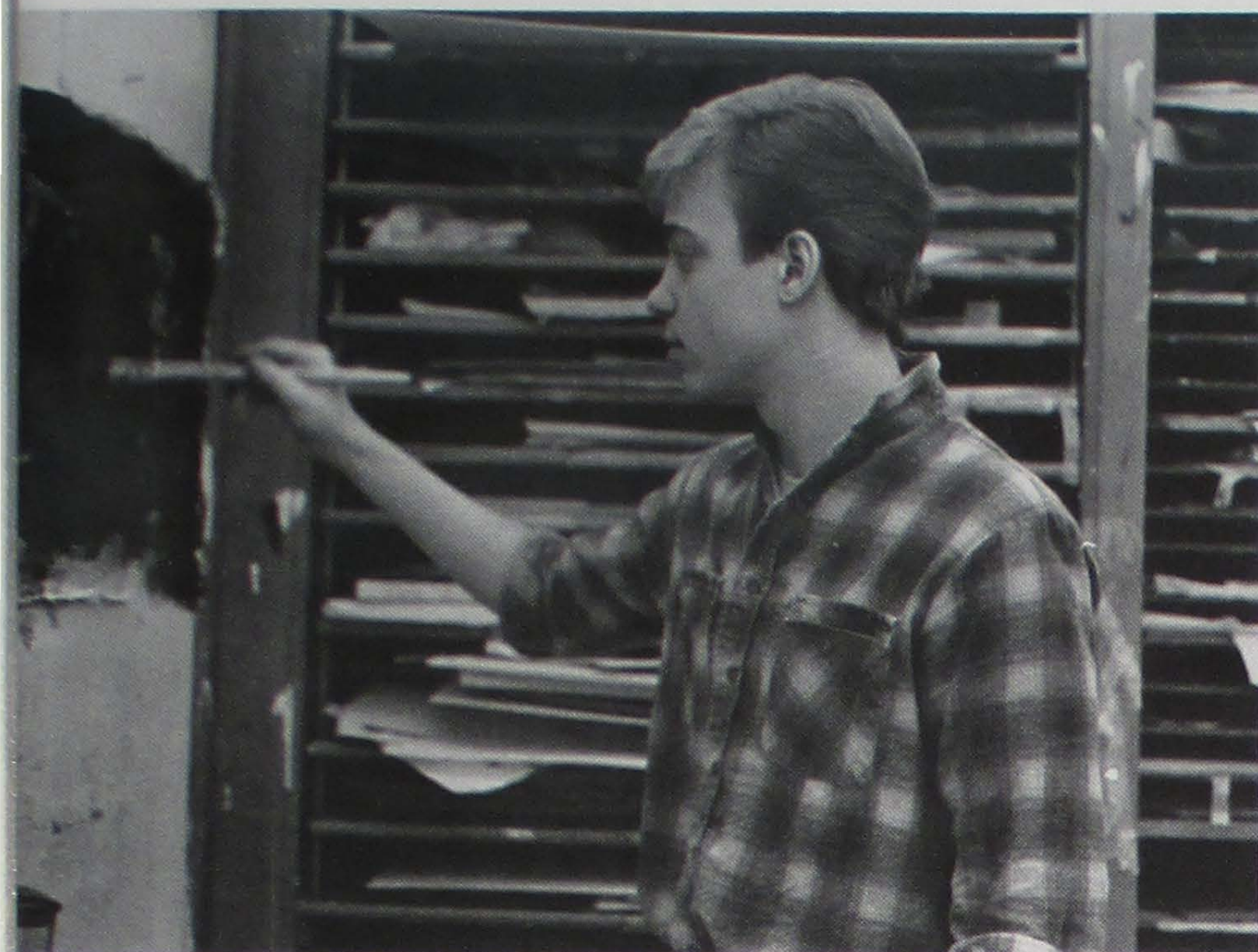
Junior Brecca Popelka said, "The Drake Physics exam gave me practice at taking a test with the pressure of a time limit."

Students also had an opportunity to compete in art shows. Ames High had 32 of the 250 works that were selected for exhibition at the Octagon Center for the Arts, on February 10 through 27.

Sophomore Jenna Andersen said, "There's strong competition between students. You work hard to produce good art that has meaning and is not faceless."



PHYSICS FIRST. Checking his Drake Physics Exam, junior Robert Yoeger appears deep in thought (Photo by Dana Seehafer)



ART IS FUN. Art student, junior Josh Lorr works on a painting in Ms. Gugel's first period art class. (Photo by Erin Andersen)



DILEMMA. Art classes also involved printmaking. Senior Tim Comstock considers a name for his new print. (Photo by Barb Farrar)



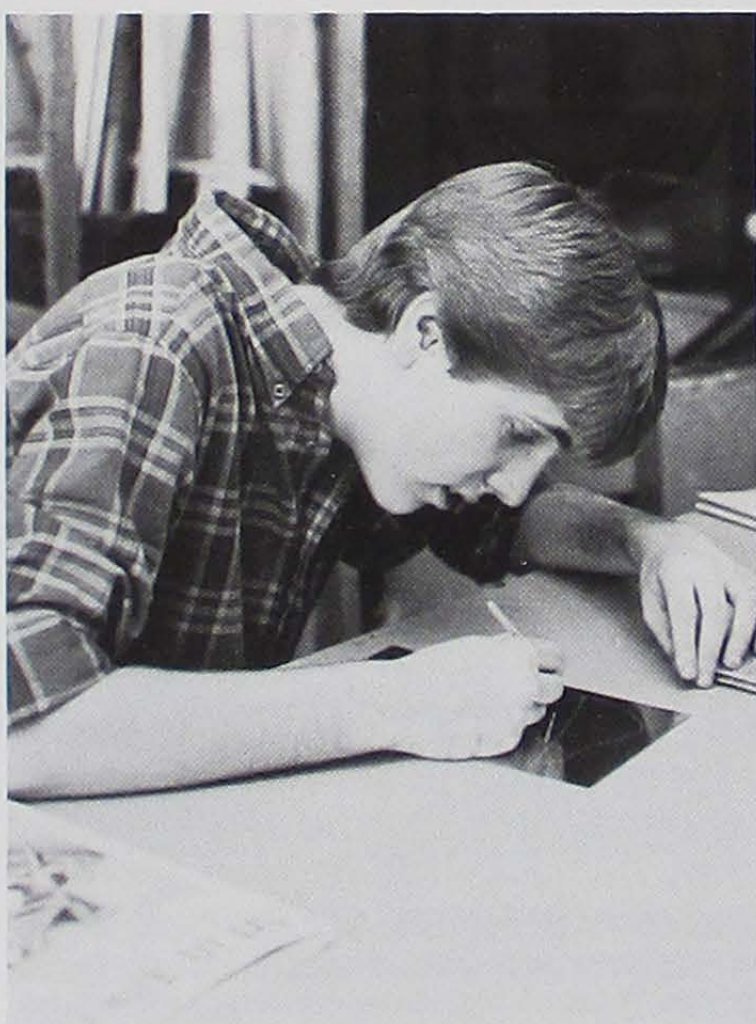
DARKROOM DECISIONS. Sophomore photography students Marissa Campos and Tara Fatka choose the best negative to enlarge. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

QUIET, TESTING. Students who opted to take the Drake Physics Exam worked diligently on February 1. Junior Brecca Popelka completes her test. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)



WORKING WITH METAL. Working on one of his projects for metals class, sophomore Chris Anderson measures across a frame. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)

GETTING IT STRAIGHT. Projects are a main part of many classes. Senior Joe Crudele works on a project for his Metals I class. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)



PREPARING FOR CAREERS. Print-making offers students a different perspective and prepares them for possible careers in art. Junior Lee Bettis works on one of his projects. (Photo by Dana Seehafer.)

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT. During a typing class, junior Sarah Thomas practices to improve her typing skills. Classes, like typing, helped students learn skills that would be useful in the future. (Photo by Erin Andersen)



Classes offer skills help students find employment

While some students were taking snapshots to remember a vacation or prom night, others were being graded on their work in photography class. Photography classes were popular but most students didn't know that it was helpful in preparing for a career. Other classes that prepared students for future jobs were drafting, auto mechanics and woodworking.

"Typing helped me improve my hand-eye coordination. Also, when I needed to get a report done quickly, I could just type it," said sophomore Amy Deatherage. "I'm hoping that my experience in typing will get me a job; a friend of mine got one through her typing teacher," said junior Jenny Wengert.

Typing was a class for both male and female students. However, there were some classes, such as drafting, that

were predominantly taken by males. "Drafting taught me what kind of materials you could use when you build a house. Not every kind of material could be used in building something," said sophomore Scott Lindell. Other things the students learned were how to design a house, draw plans for it and do a cost analysis.

Students in auto mechanics didn't actually build a car in their class but repaired many. "Auto mech gave me the opportunity to explore the wonder of engines and how they work," said junior Eric Carsrud. "We learned easy ways to check your car if it broke down."

Several levels of auto mechanics were offered, ranging from Auto Mechanics I to Consumer Automotive. Other classes with different levels included woodworking and photography.

THIS GOES HERE. Knowing how to fix a car can come in handy. Junior John Porter struggles with a part in his auto mech class. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)

These classes might not have been a sure entrance to a job, but they made finding employment much simpler.



Vocational Prep

"The art program was geared to all students ranging from those who thought about art as a career to those who did it as a hobby. These classes taught the self-discipline and motivation needed to find jobs later in life."

Dorothy Gugel
Art Department Coordinator

Students find pre-college courses helpful for future

When students thought of college, many classes came to mind. There were several courses that one could have taken to prepare for college in high school. "You learned different types of writing such as cause and effect," said composition for the college bound teacher LoAnn Campbell. "It's a hard class for both students and teachers."

Science department also offered courses that prepared students for college. In the junior year, many students took physics. "It was a confusing course," said junior Linda Lund of Physics B, "but if you wanted to go into physics in college it helped a lot."

Sophomores entered high school with three choices of biology courses: Biology A, Biology B, and honors biology. Robert Gibbons, honors biology teacher, said, "It prepared the student for college by going into more depth than the other courses."

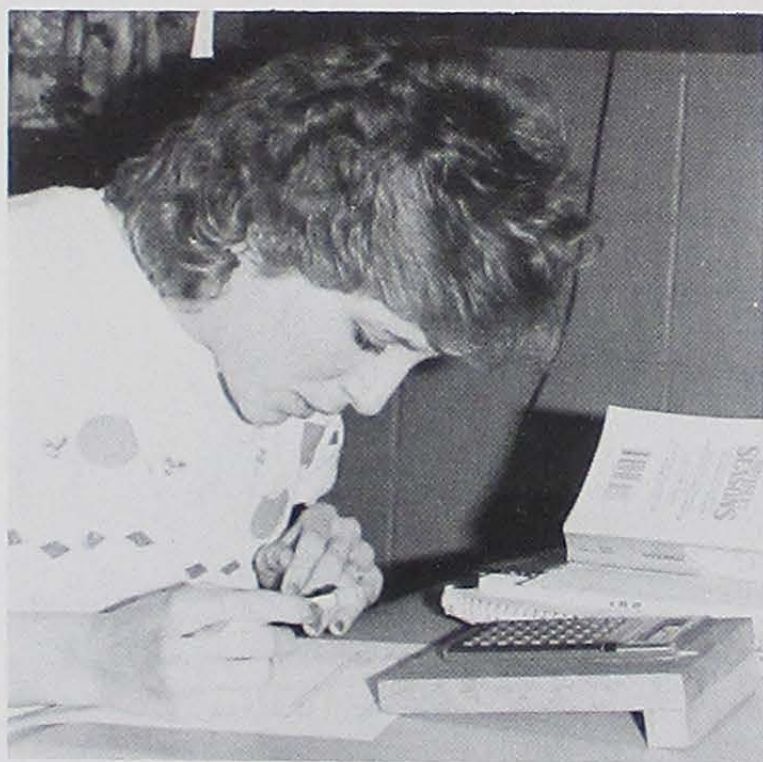
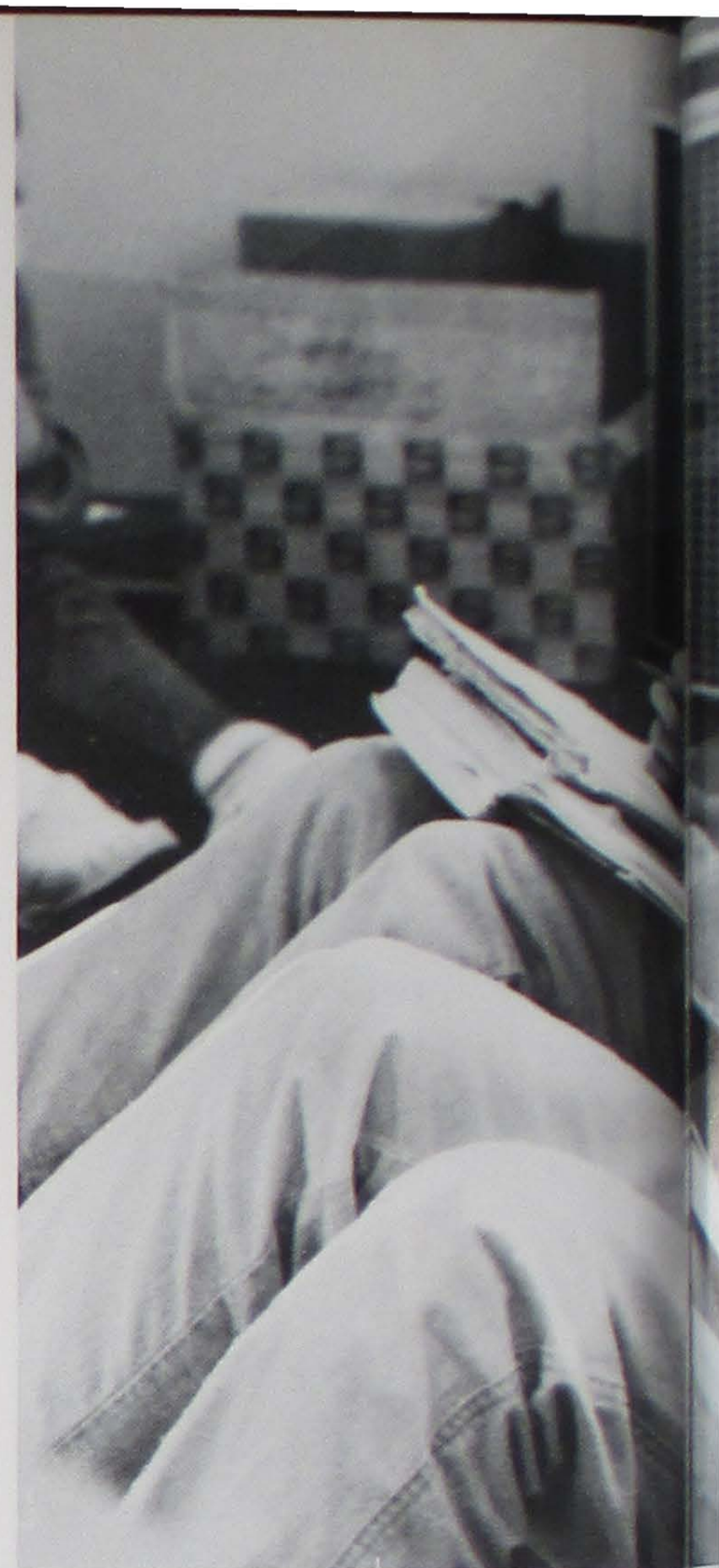
There were a variety of math courses that students could have taken. For-

mal geometry teacher Phil Johnson said, "It develops a logical sequence of thought necessary for a higher education."

Languages were taken by a large number of students. Many students elected to take Spanish. "In the engineering field I will meet people from other countries and my years in Spanish will help," said junior George Skank.

"German helped me expand my knowledge of the world. I know that in college I will meet people from other countries and my years in German will help me relate to them," said junior Sara McMechan.

Another junior, Melinda Taschetta, said of her French II class, "At first, I didn't think that I needed to know a foreign language, but after ninth grade I picked up French. I think that it has helped me a lot with my English and no matter what language one takes it will be useful someday, especially in college."



OOPSI A MISTAKE. Senior Lynn Rowe works hard on a trigonometry test for Mrs. Hanson. (Photo by Anja Trebes)

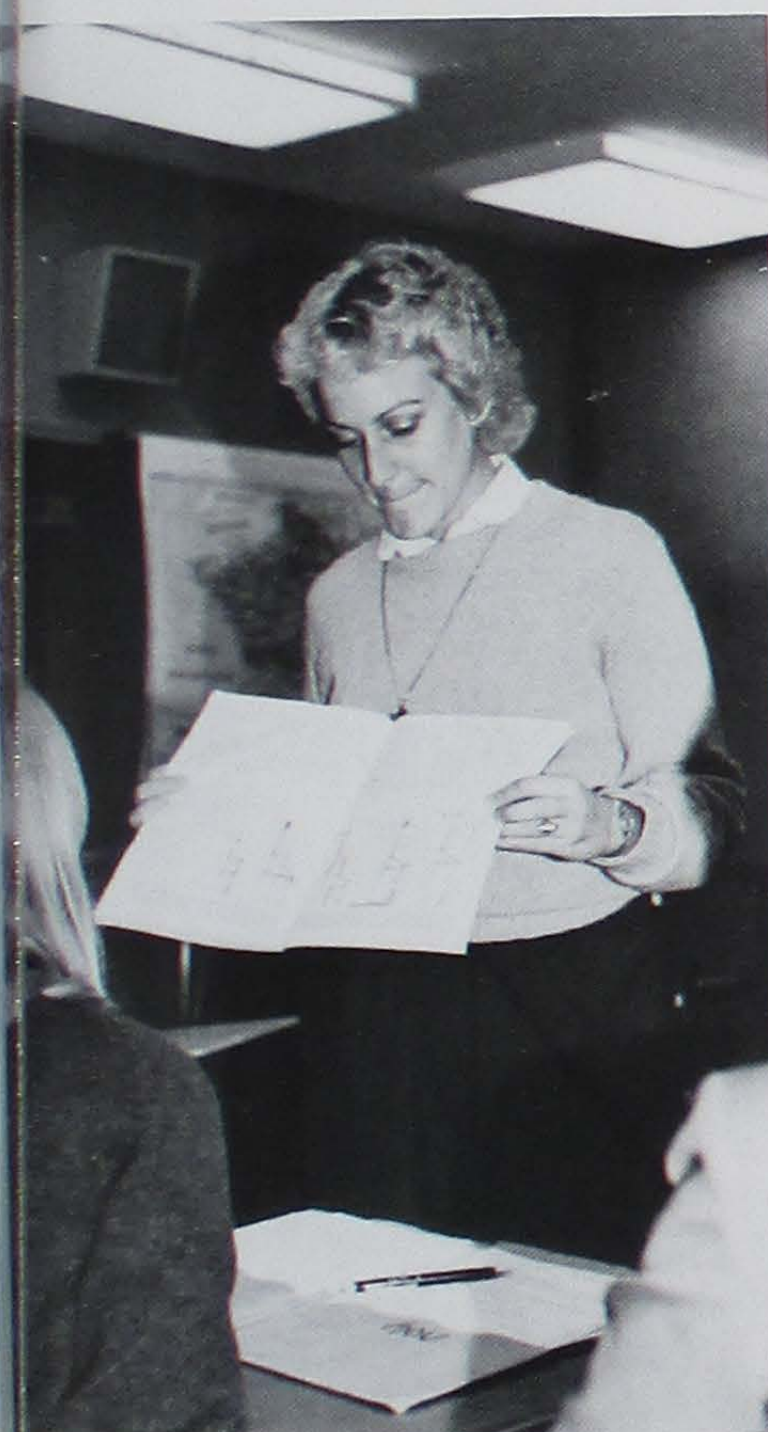
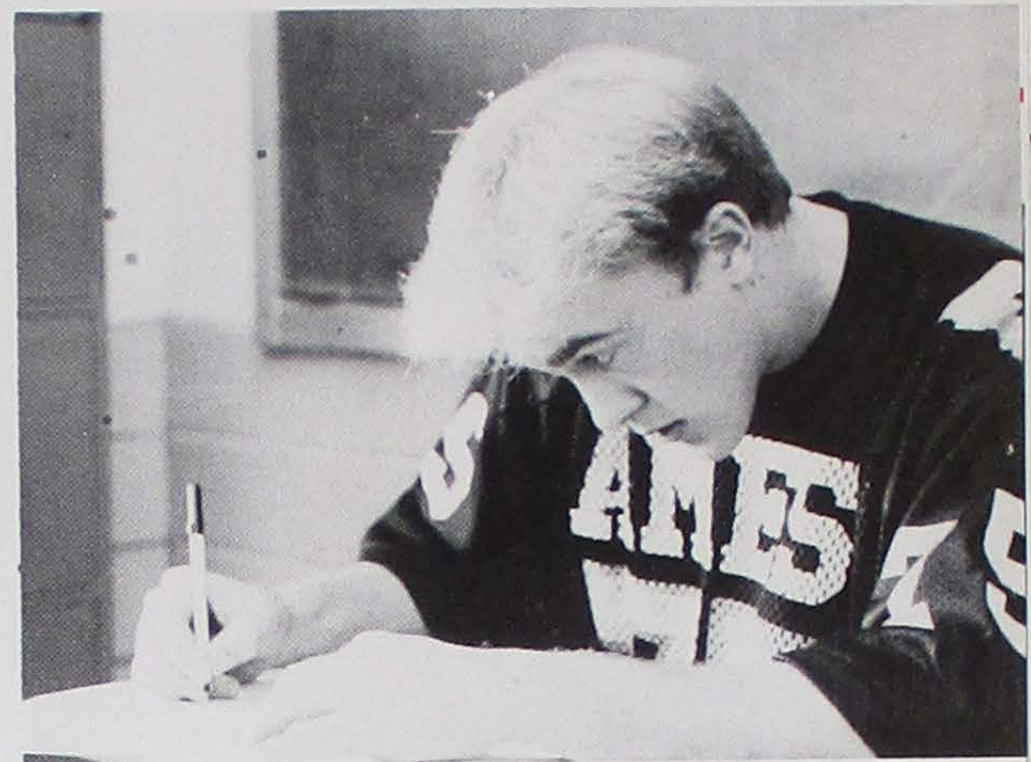
KINGS OF CHEMISTRY. Being in honors chemistry made these two seniors, Kevin James and Mark Tondra, feel like they rule the world. (Photo by Vel Randic)





COMPARING NOTES. Adrienne Erbach and Nina Leacock discuss a French IV assignment. (Photo by Vel Randic)

CONCENTRATION. Senior Chuck Arnold writes a paper for Mrs. Campbell's Composition for the College Bound. (Photo by Vel Randic)



CULTURE STUDY. Ms. Nancy Johnson shows architectural diagrams of a French Gothic Cathedral to her French IV class. (Photo by Vel Randic)



College Prep

"We were fortunate to have a wide range of courses to prepare students for their years at college. In the science field, students learned about and comprehended the highly technical advances that were being made."

Kirk Schmaltz
Biology Teacher



Research

"Students benefit in two ways from doing independent research. It allows them to take a course they wouldn't normally be able to take and it allows an interested student to pursue a topic in more depth."

Mr. Robert Jeffrey
U.S. History teacher

Independent study gives educational options

Of course, many students did research during high school, but some went a step further. Students, especially those who were highly motivated, could have benefitted from the independent research program offered by the history department.

"The program is helpful to a student who needs a last minute credit to graduate and also to students who become pages in the Senate," said Mr. Richard White.

The student could have researched any topic pertaining to a history class, such as capital punishment, which junior Terry Faden studied.

"I liked it because I got a chance to study a topic I was interested in. I feel I gained a lot from it," said Faden.

Senior Jim Hockett did a project to get a needed credit.

"I did mine on world problems, such as world hunger. Doing the project isn't that bad, because it's not a class I have to go to every day," Hockett said.

Students who were in the English class, discussion and argumentation, found themselves doing research all semester in preparation for their speeches.

"Doing research extends knowledge

of a subject and the students learn the correct procedures of research. It is also good preparation for college," said Mr. John Sletten.

In Introduction to Journalism, students did a different kind of research. Instead of reading encyclopedias, they had to interview people.

"The class was more fun when we were doing interviews, because we got to talk to people. I didn't mind the research because I'm interested in a career in journalism and that's something I'll have to do," said junior Rachel Ulrichson.

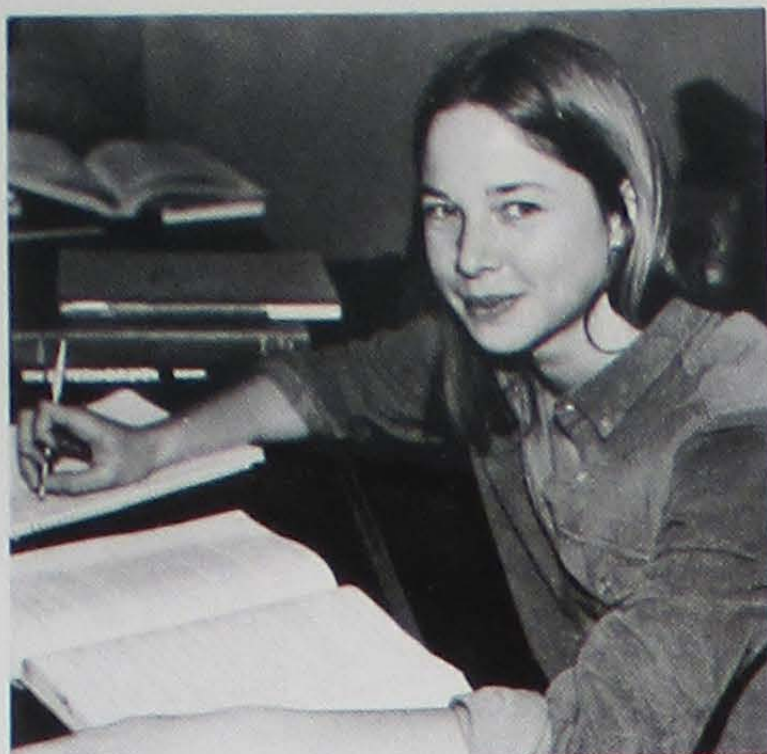
Most students found the Iowa State Library more helpful when doing research than the Media Center at school or the Public Library.

Junior Julius Pohlenz said, "I find that the Iowa State Library's resources are more plentiful than the I.M.C.'s. There is also a wider selection of books to choose from."

From Introduction to Journalism to Discussion and Argumentation, students found doing research in high school would help them later in college.

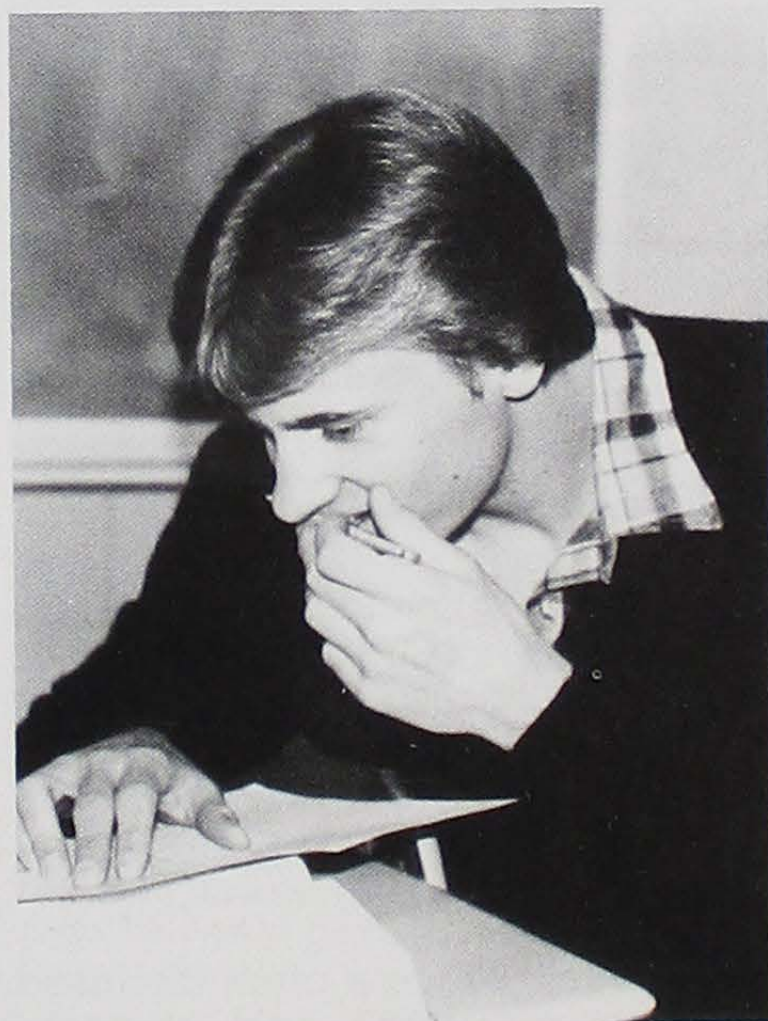
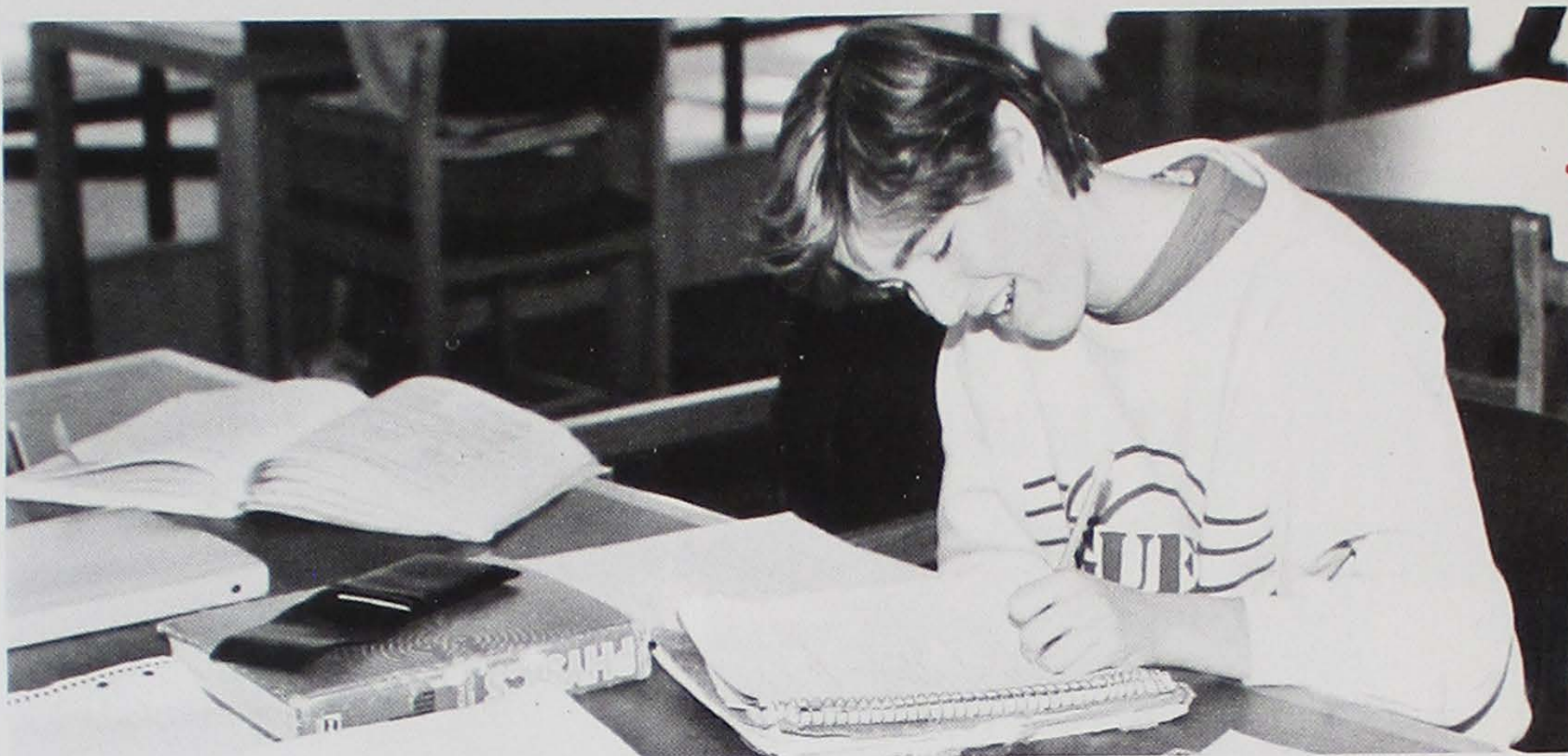
HIDE AND SEEK. The card catalog was a good place to begin research. Junior Julius Pohlenz looks through the drawers in search of materials for his report on Little Brittany, France for French class. (Photo by Vel Randic.)





TAKING SOME NOTES After gathering materials at the Iowa State Library, senior Nina Leacock sits at a study carol to get down information for a presentation on French impressions for French class. (Photo by Vel Randic.)

FORMULA FOR STUDY. The Iowa State University not only helped students doing research, but also provided a quiet place for studying. Junior Karen Yates finds this to be case a few days before a physics test. (Photo by Vel Randic.)



WRITING IT UP. After doing research, senior Jeff Hartman organizes his information for a report. Research was a good preparation for college. (Photo by Vel Randic.)

WHERE COULD IT BE. Wearing a bewildered expression, junior Tony Harris searches for the proper call number. The books were in a complex system of letters and numbers, often confusing students. (Photo by Vel Randic.)



Counselors

"I like working and learning with students. Each one is unique, and has a different background from every other student. Each one has his/her own needs and desires."

Mrs. Kay Garrett
Guidance Counselor

Counselors help students with academic choices

From career planning to crisis counseling, counselors played a part in the lives of students. They assisted students with everything from making the right college choice to drug counseling.

Mrs. Mary Ann Schmidt, Dean of Students, said that the main purpose of counselors was "to help students reach their full potential."

Many seniors felt that their counselors were good to work with when looking into different college opportunities. Senior Amy Myers said, "I went to my counselor for financial aid help and scholarship information. He was also helpful in figuring out which classes I should take." Senior Mariella VanderGaast appreciated the aid of her counselor, also. She said, "My counselor helped me a lot with college planning."

Social pressures were often discussed between counselors and students. Group survival was a group formed by Dr. Clemmye Jackson. It met once a week and the members discussed things that they had to deal with at school.

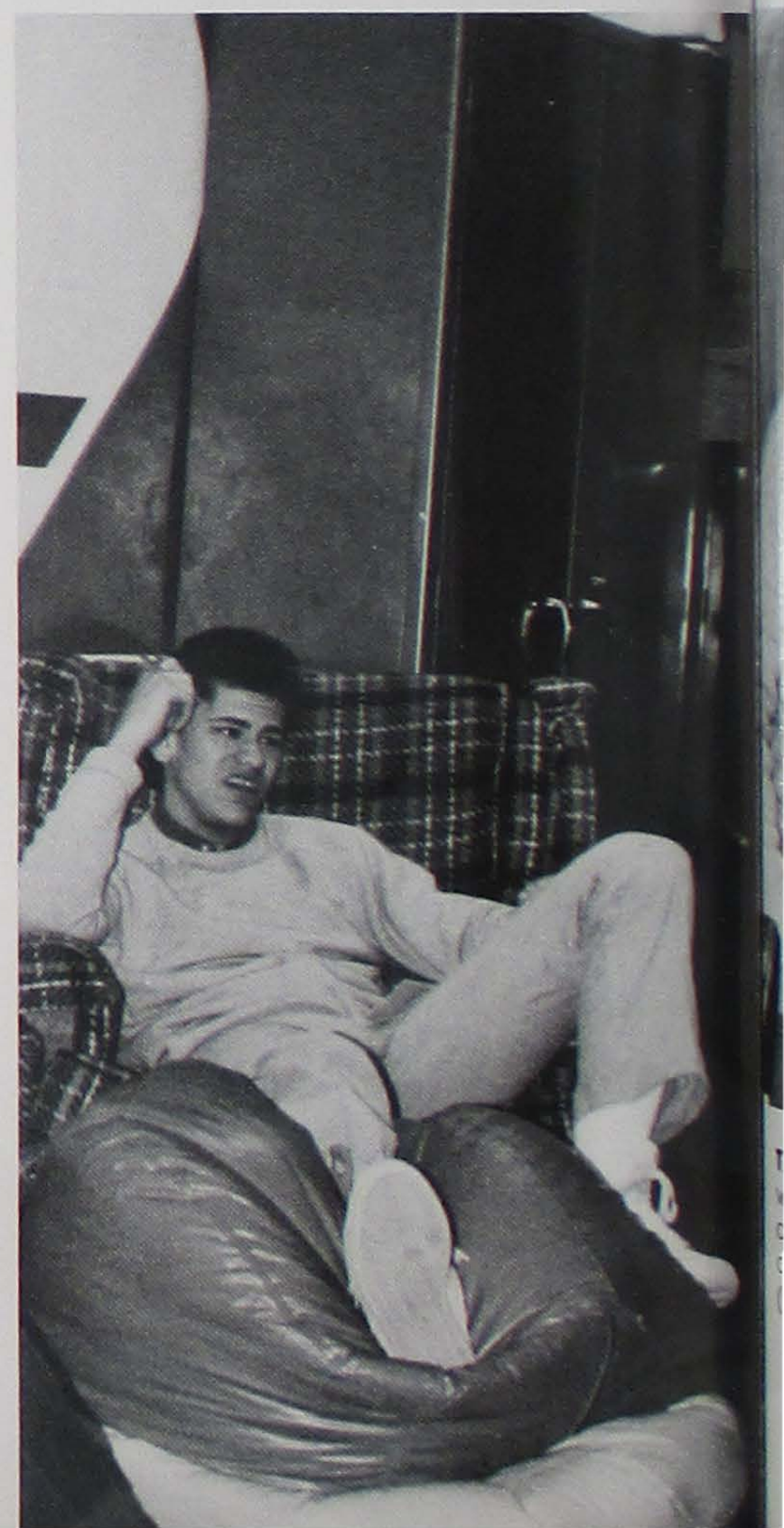
Scheduling was difficult for many students. Junior Jeff Vallier said, "My counselor has helped me with a lot of schedule conflicts." Kara Sjoblom, also

a junior, added, "My counselor has been very helpful to me. I've had a lot of schedule problems and she's been very understanding."

Several sophomores who found themselves confused at the beginning of the year sought help from their counselors. Sophomore Fritz Pohlenz found the counselors to be very useful. "They made my school year a success," she said.

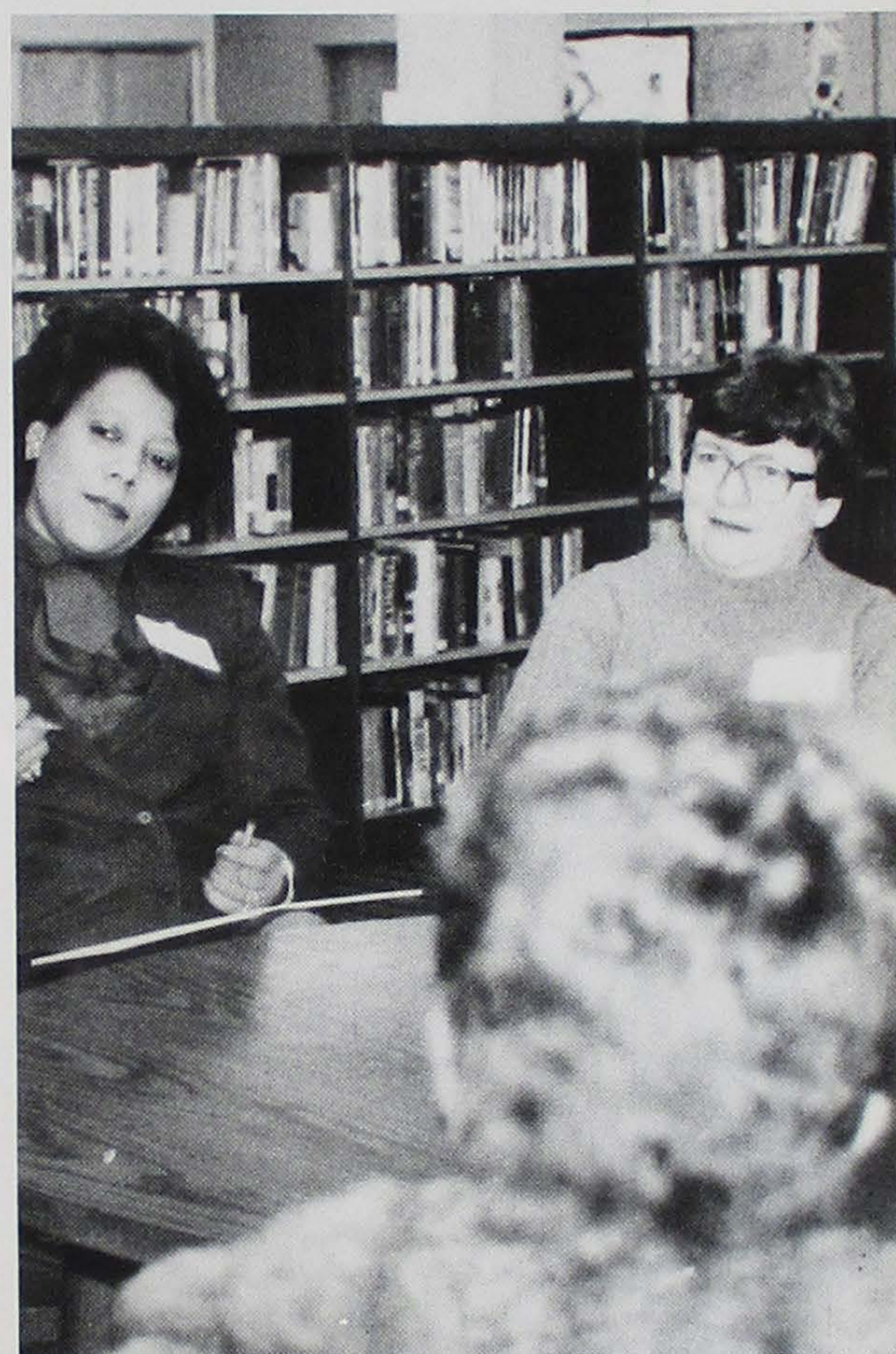
A parent-counselor workshop was held early in the second semester, so that parents could see exactly what counselors were doing for their children. The program included presentations on such things as what was available for career exploration and selection and parents' concerns about drug and alcohol abuse. Counselor Kay Garrett said that the workshop was a success. She commented, "We had good attendance, and a lot of good suggestions (from parents)."

Mrs. Schmidt, besides being Dean of Students, was also a counselor. She helped her students deal with a wide variety of school, social and family problems. When asked what her favorite part about the job was, she said, "the direct contact with students, as opposed to the paper work. I really like working with kids on the individual level."





GIVING OUT INFORMATION. A representative from Briar Cliff College visits with senior Rob Kahler. Representatives met with students in the counseling offices. (Photo by Barb Farrar)



FILLING IN PARENTS. At a Parent-Counselor Workshop, Dr. Clemmye Jackson meets in a small group with parents. Other counselors also made group presentations. (Photo by Amy Bleyle)



TALKING IT OUT. Survival Group students met with Dr. Clemmye Jackson to discuss issues of concern to students. Sophomore Mike Devan is a member of this group which met in room B-5. (Photo by Lisa Huber)

SOPHOMORE SEEKS HELP. Sophomore Doug Malcom talks to Mr. Bud Legg about his classes for next year. Many sophomores sought advice from their counselors about graduation requirements. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)



Cultural Education

The cultural classes provided were there for students to learn the basics of another language. Understanding and comprehending the language were the primary purposes of our classes.

Mary Van Marel
English for foreign students

Cultural classes provide background for students

Whether it was an American student going to Columbia, or a Columbian student coming to America, different countries meant different cultures, and that meant new adventures. "Having Sandra Herrera stay with us was quite an experience. Our family gained knowledge, especially on the way people lived in Columbia," said junior Chris Maze. Herrera stayed with the Maze family for the first semester of the year.

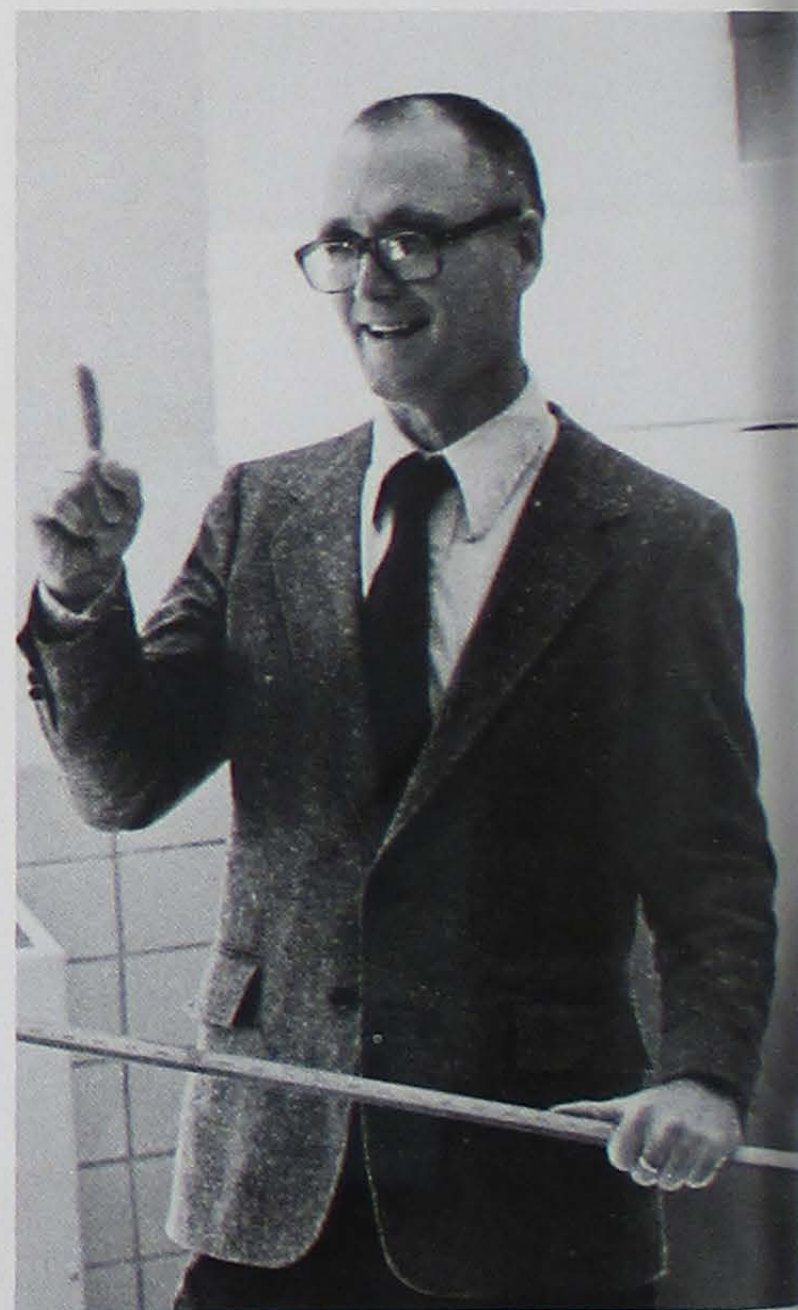
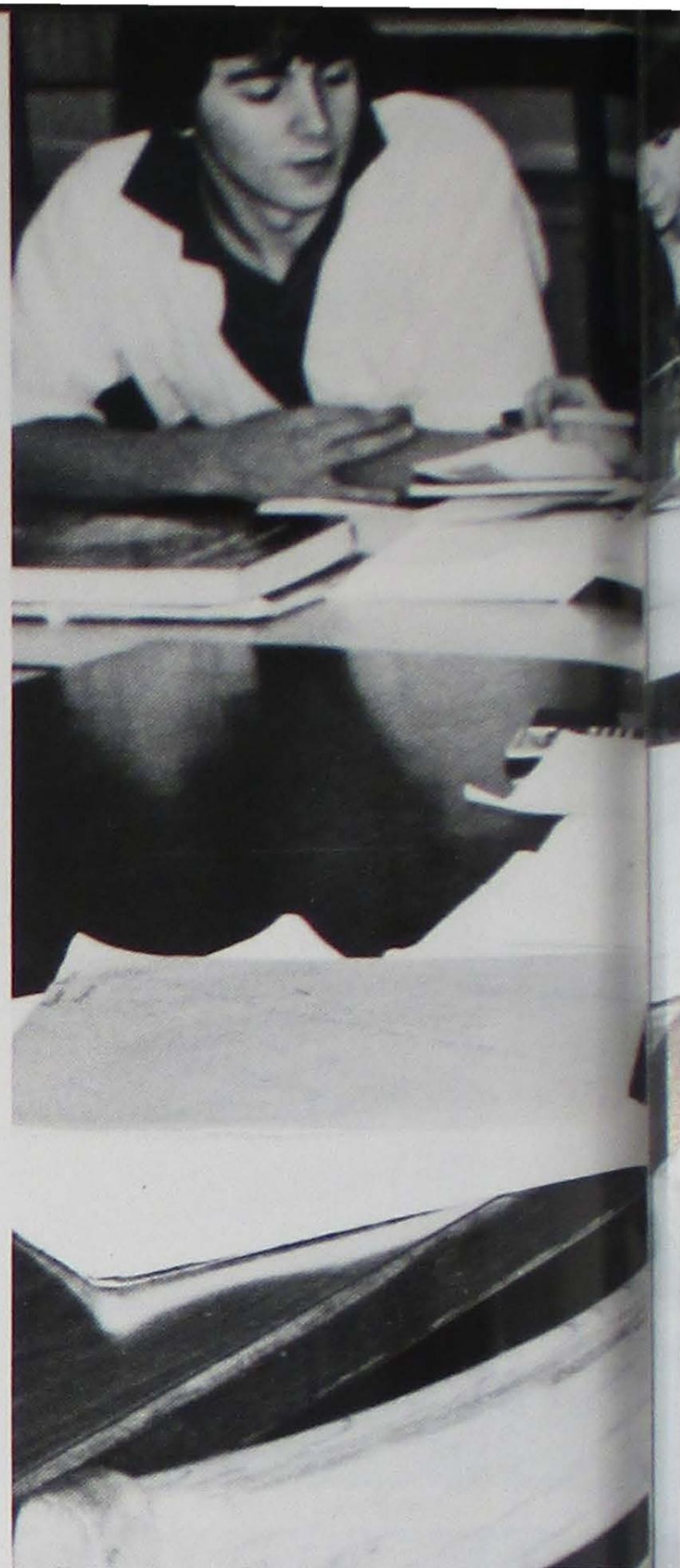
Having many foreign students at Iowa State University, Ames High had the unique opportunity to have the younger foreign students schooling with them. Whether being of African heritage, southeast Asian descent, third-world background, or an American nationality, there were many cultural programs offered for the students.

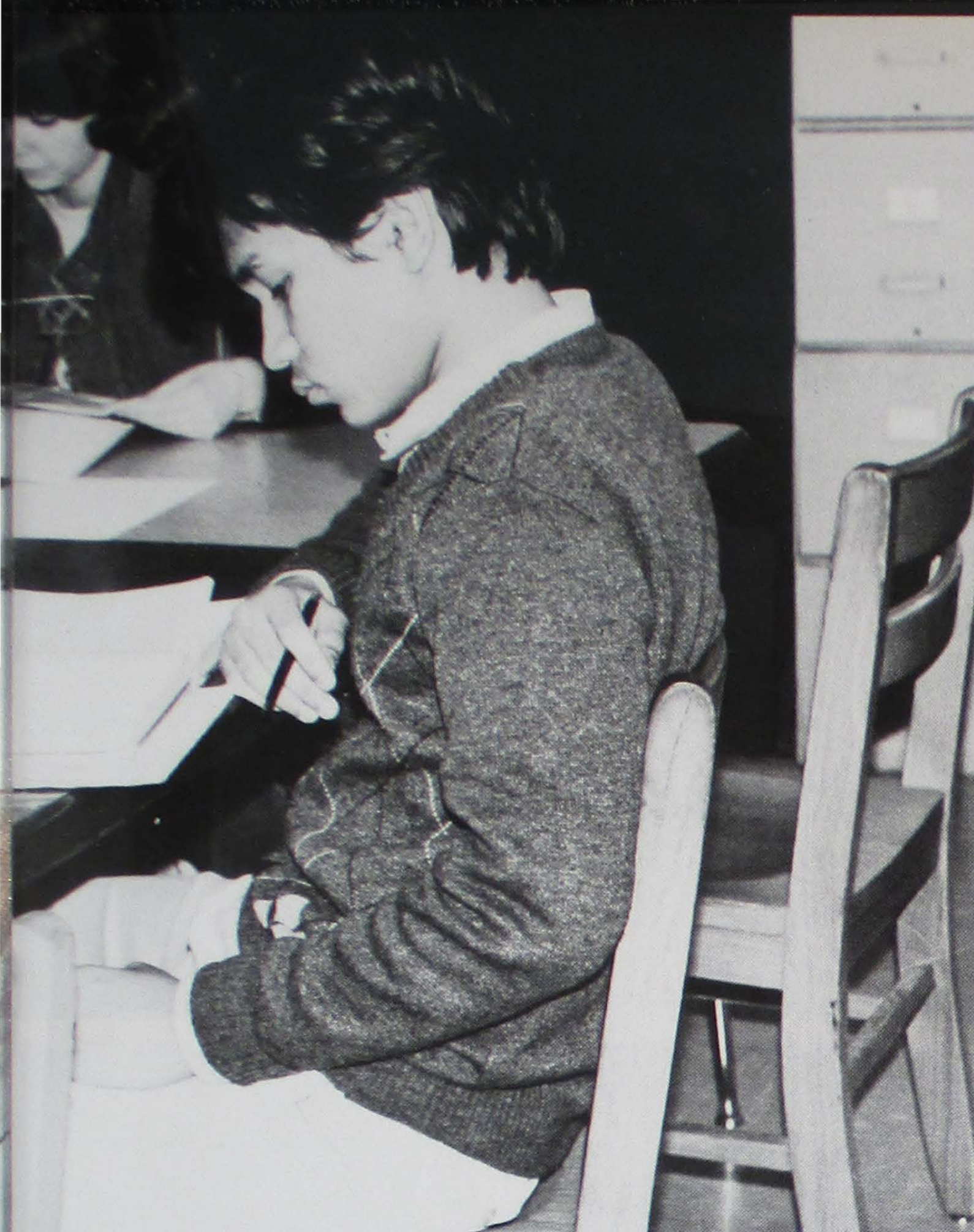
The foreign students had many history and English classes to choose from. The history department included classes such as U.S. Government, TAE-The American Experience, and Survey of

American History. The English courses offered were English for the foreign students, Survey of American Literature, and English Literary Masterpieces. Mrs. Van Marel, who taught English for the Foreign Students, felt that only the refugees needed the cultural classes. "The basic English skills were taught for the students. Reading and writing in English were the main topics. For an exchange student or a refugee to learn English, is like an American student taking French or Spanish," said Mrs. Van Marel.

For the American student needing cultural background, foreign language classes were offered. Not only foreign languages, but World Literature, British Literature and Western Civilization classes were also available to the students. Annual trips to France and Spain were for the students who wanted to put their skills to use. "Taking Spanish was a great experience. I was able to study the language, government, and the social aspects of South America and Spain," said junior Kristin Smedal.

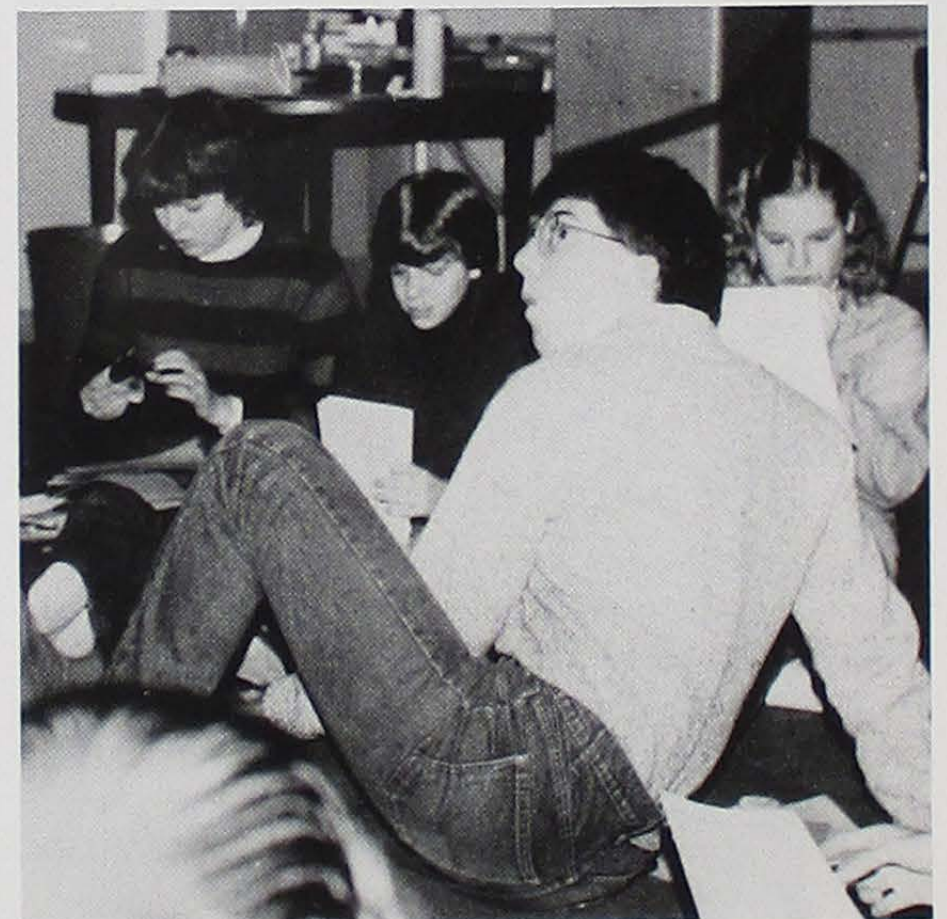
"DID YOU KNOW . . . ?" Getting to the point, Western Civilization teacher Mr. Marvin Scott explains the times of ancient history. Western Civilization provided chapters about the medieval times and the Renaissance to teach the students a classical background. (Photo by Vel Randic)





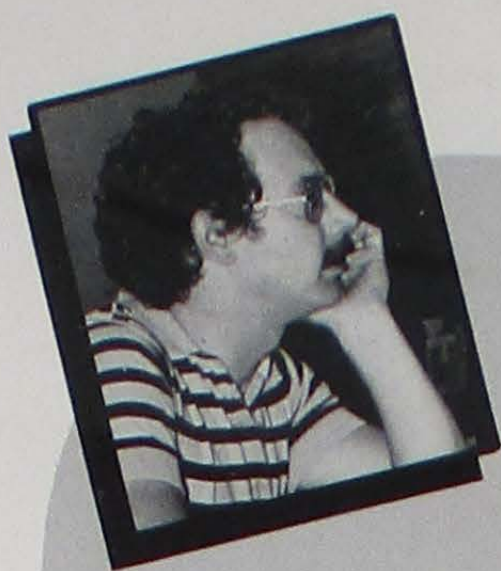
STUDY SESSION. Getting a little privacy in the science IMC, Junior Ruzwan Darus finishes his physics homework. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

WORD OF ADVICE. Needing a little helping hand, Junior Carie Perkovich receives added help from Spanish teacher, Sue Lawler. Foreign language classes, such as Spanish, offered cultural background for the students. (Photo by Barb Farrar)



PAYING ATTENTION. Doing their share of the work, sophomore Lori Wunder, sophomore Maggie Lewis, junior Tom Hofer and sophomore Amy Horner all participate during a group discussion in second year German class. (Photo by Vel Randic)

ESCRIBEN EN ESPANOL. While taking notes in Spanish style, sophomores Kristen Comstock and Dan Goshorn must forget all their English skills and start thinking in Spanish. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)



Preparing for adulthood.

"Home Economics improves the students' attitudes and social behavior. It encourages social interaction and a better comprehension of consumer skills."

Reggie Greenlaw
Home Economics teacher

Classes beneficial in learning adult skills

"In our labs, the students did a lot of interacting with each other. In a regular classroom, the student sits alone in a desk and does not interact," said Mrs. Donna Schepers, Home Economics Department Coordinator.

From the students' point of view, this was also the case. Adult living was a class in which student discussed responsibilities of adulthood. Cathy Duke, junior, said, "You learned how to cope when you move away from home, not only mentally but also financially. You were around other people a lot and it was a class to remember when you're out in the world."

After college, many people choose to get married and have a family. Child Development was a class that could prepare students for this. Junior Leah Pease said, "You learned how to plan a family. Also you learned the development of children, emotionally and physically."

In terms of Home Economics, most people associated the name with food. Creative Foods and Foods Today were two classes in which students spent much time preparing and learning about food. "We do a lot of

labs in the classroom and the kitchen that made the student a more aware and healthy consumer," said Mrs. Schepers.

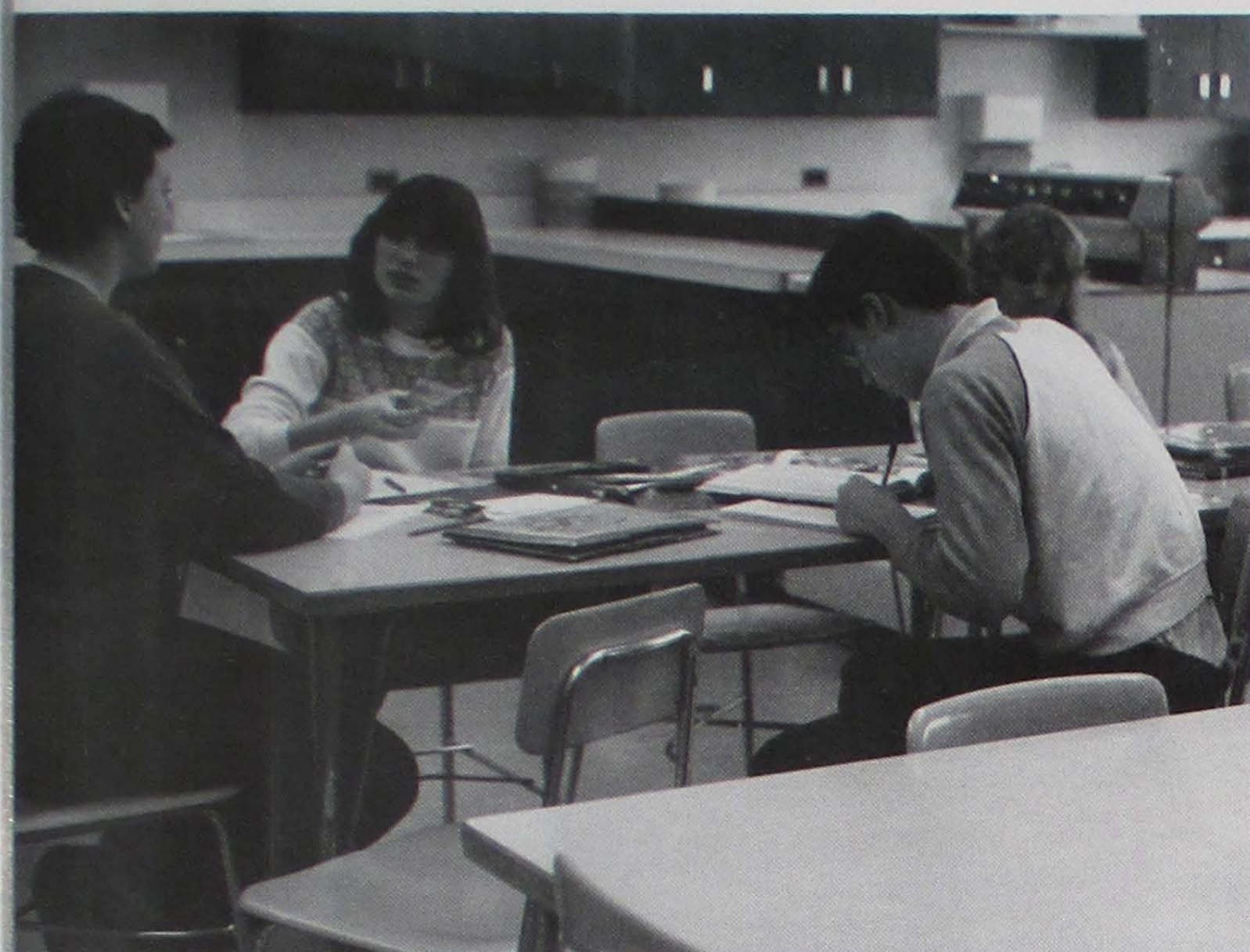
Junior Kris Dane said of Creative Foods, "You learned about a variety of foods and how to prepare meals. Also, you learned about setting the table and etiquette." Diane Brendeland, junior, said of Foods Today, "It was like the Creative Foods class, but you learned about foreign foods and the type of equipment most people use in the kitchen."

Home Economics was a class that could improve students' attitudes and social behavior. Mr. Reggie Greenlaw, teacher in the Special Education Department said, "It taught the students how to get along with others. They learned math and social skills that most of us take for granted, such as buying groceries at the store and paying for them. Overall, any student would benefit from taking a Home Economics class."

FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE. In Child Development class, students learn to communicate with children. Janet Green, junior, shares a story with a friend. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)



PINNING IT UP. Clothing I is a class that teaches students how to use the sewing machine. Michelle Johnston, senior, works on her project. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)



TAKING NOTES. In the Foods Today class, Carrie Buchman, junior, and Jennifer Vermeer, sophomore, share some ideas. Students learn about all aspects of food. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)

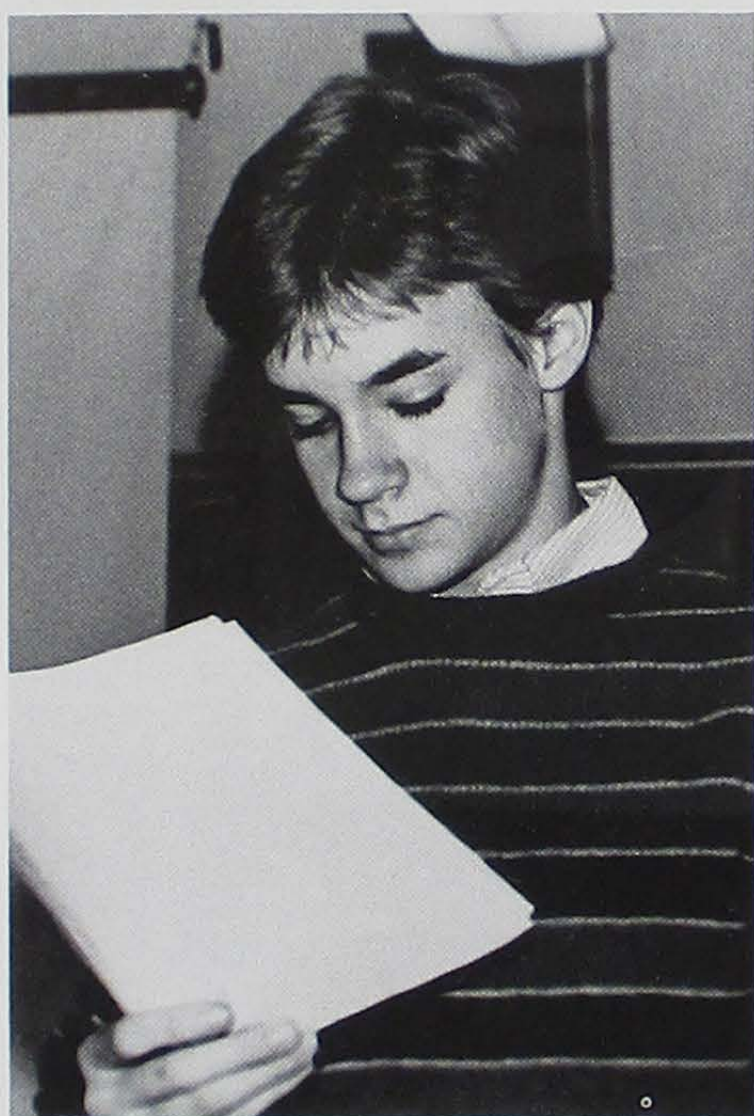
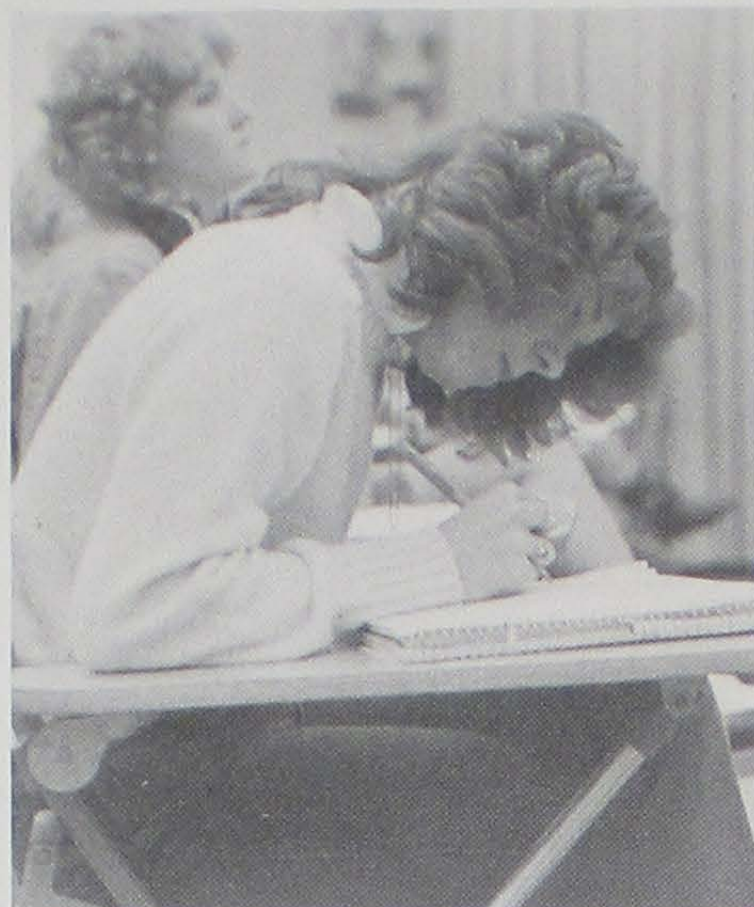


FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE. Part of the training in Child Development requires Pam Livingston and Lisa Ball to spend time with young children. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)

GET IT DOWN. In Adult Living, students learn how to cope with problems in future life. Kelly Keigley does an assignment pertaining to this. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

RELAX AND READ. Many students found the library to be an ideal place to spend idle time. Senior Tom McConnell reads the Des Moines Register in his spare time. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

TAKE NOTE. Mass Media student, senior Sara Shevokas, takes notes in class. (Photo by Erik Munson)



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT. Some students go on to Speech Club after taking sophomore speech workshop. Sophomore Peter Groeneveld practices his choral reading for Speech Club.

PASTING UP. WEB staff members seniors Jenny Bower, Karen Christenson, and Marty Kiser work on preparing the newspaper. (Photo by Erin Andersen)



PREPARING A LAYOUT. In Introduction to Journalism, students learned how to prepare layouts and the basics in yearbooking. Senior Lisa Port works on a mock-up layout. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)



Communicating

"I'm very happy that speech is a workshop environment because I know a smaller audience is less intimidating and the students learn from, and with, each other."

Annette Rowley

Sophomore Speech teacher

Communication courses emphasize special skills

"I see Mass Media, to the general student, as being more of a practical course for what it deals with, and more specifically, that is television," said Mr. Steve Linduska, teacher of Mass Media.

The skills offered in Mass Media made the students wiser consumers or viewers. This course also taught students the rules and regulations in film and film composition.

Mass Media, along with classes like speech and journalism, helped students to feel more confident in communicating with peers and adults.

"Before I took Introduction to Journalism, I had no idea how much time and effort goes into putting out the **WEB** and **SPiRiT**. I feel I can appreciate these publications more fully," said ju-

nior Sherri Middendorf.

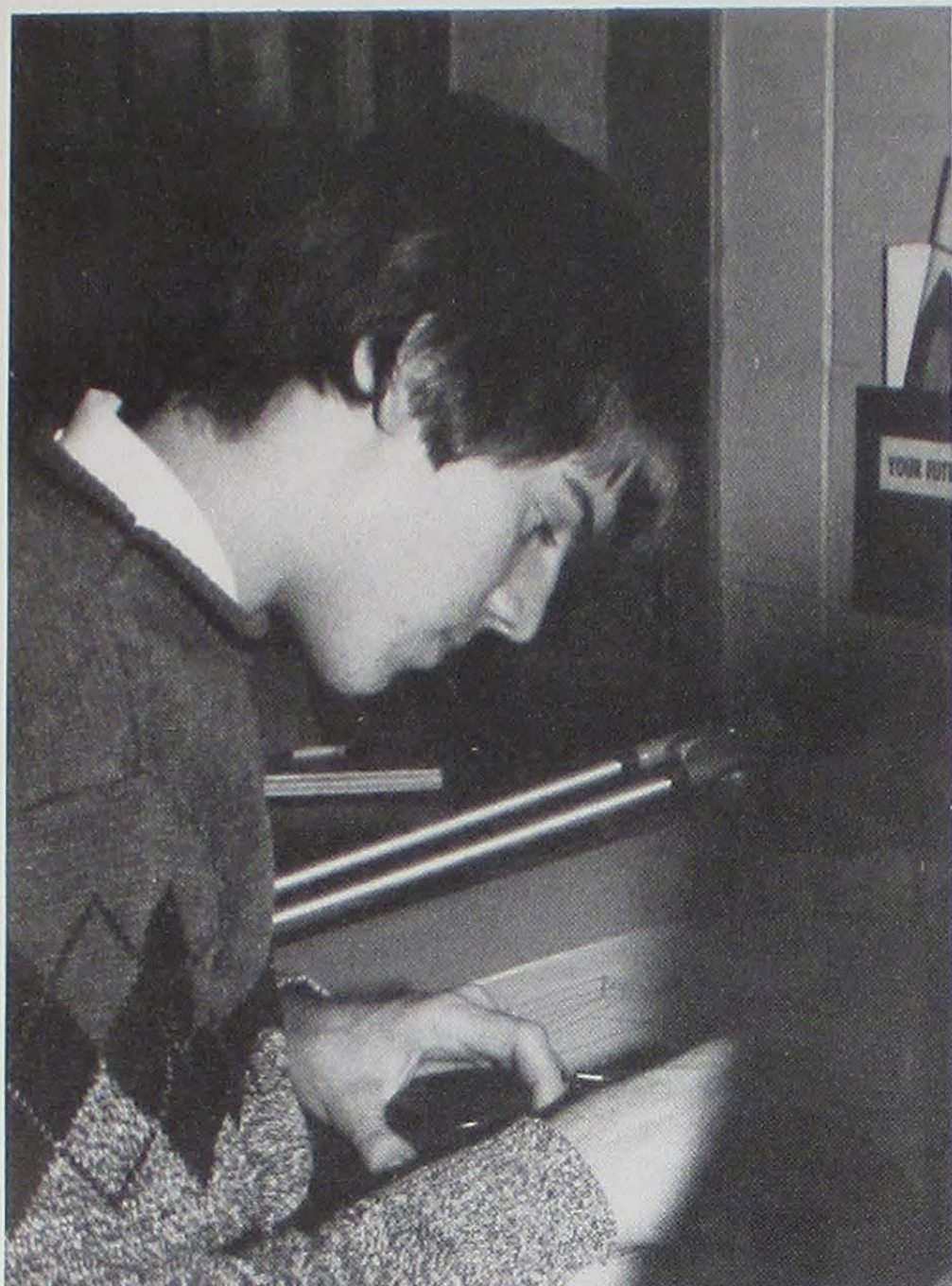
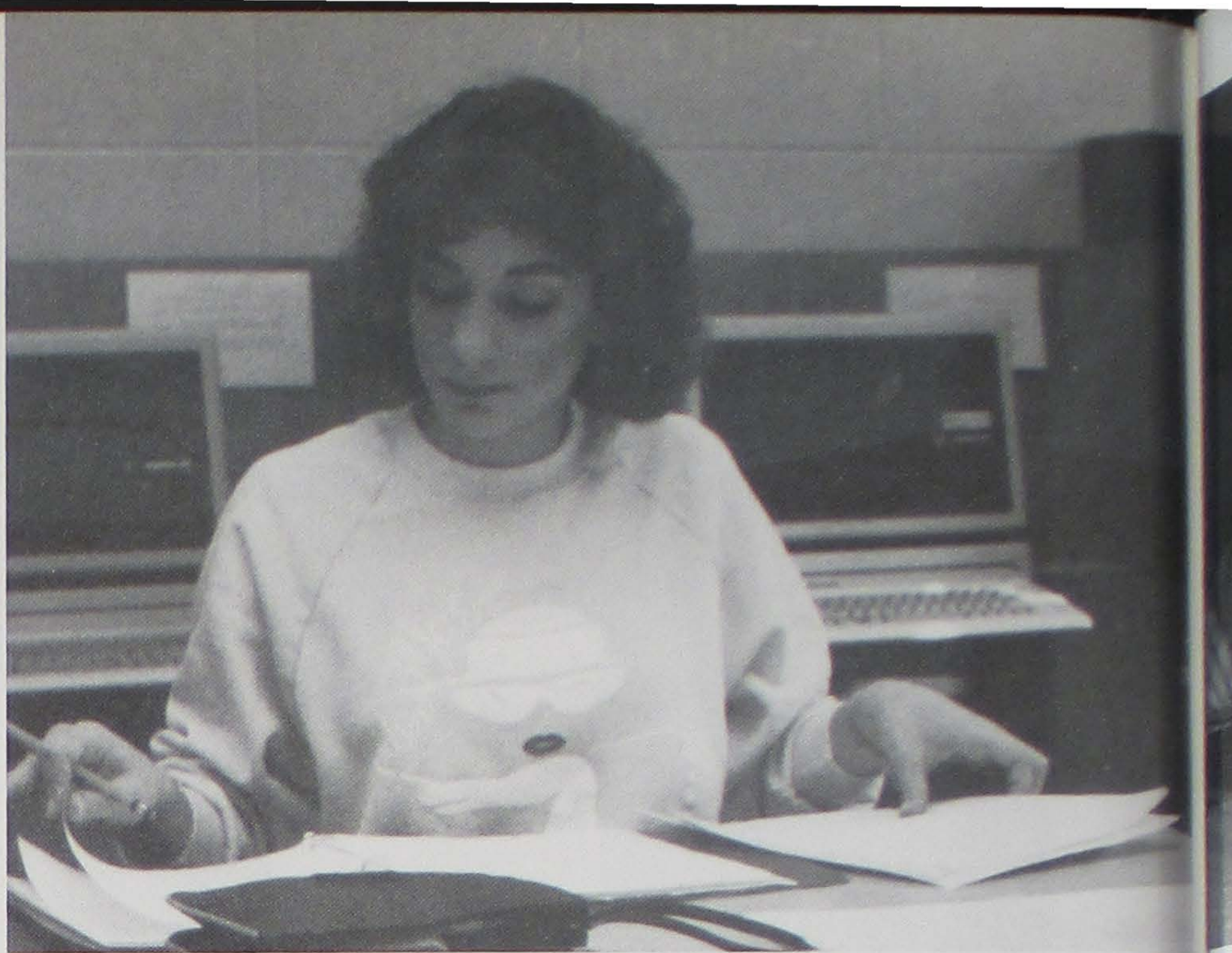
"Speech class helped students feel better about themselves and their opinions, thoughts, and ideas by giving them a chance to practice and improve creative ways of expressing their minds," said sophomore Valerie Brant.

Mrs. Rowley, teacher of sophomore speech workshop, said that she hoped her classes would help the students improve their self-confidence and general ability to develop an idea more thoroughly.

When asked what she learned in speech class, sophomore Bonnie Sprague said, "I learned speaking skills that can be applied now. I don't have to wait until I have a career to be a relaxed, well-prepared speaker."

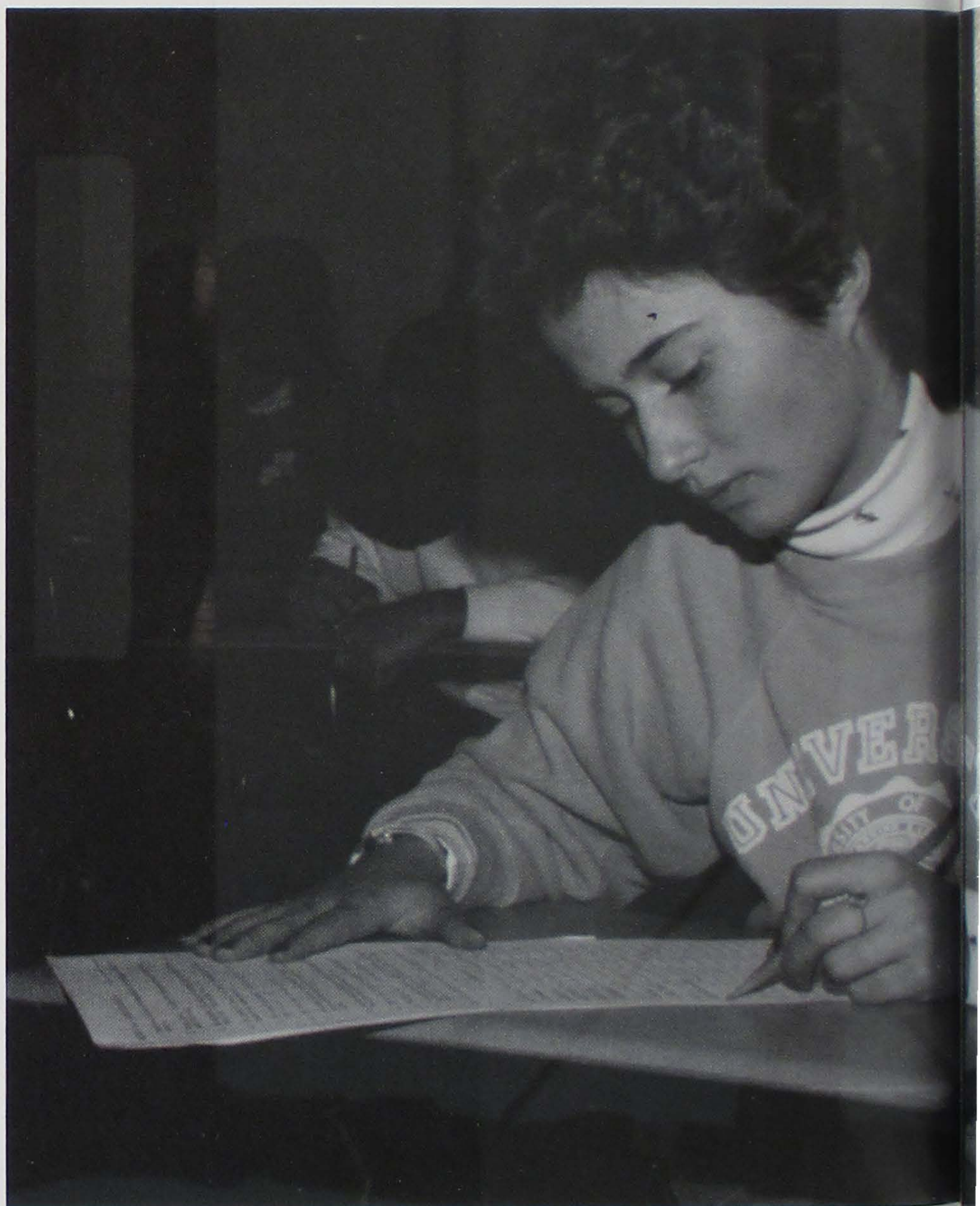
THE LAST MINUTE. As finals came closer, all available time was used to study. Senior Christina Baratta takes a quick review of her notes. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

A THIN LINE. Some tests are just more than filling in the blanks. Junior Kevin Maak puts finishing touches on his drafting final. (Photo by Barb Farrar)



TURN IT UP. Some students took finals less seriously than others. Junior Tom Miller works on his Physics exam while listening to music. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

FILL IN THE BLANK. During her Western Civilization final, junior Patti Stevens fills out the answer sheet to the test. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)



Testing very much a part of student life

When students became seniors one of the necessary rituals was to take the College Boards entrance exams. There were two basic exams- the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and the American College Test (ACT). Most students took the SAT at the beginning of their senior year, although some took it at the end of their junior year.

Senior Mark Kernan said about the SAT, "They were much harder then the ACT and the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test). I didn't do any preparing for the SAT."

Kernan was named a National Merit Semi-finalist because of his high scores on the PSAT. "I was really surprised to be one because I thought I really goofed up the test," he said.

Many students took the ACT's at the

end of their junior year. Senior, Lisa Moore said, "They were the same as the PSAT. I thought that they were kind of easy and found myself pretty much prepared for them."

Some colleges required their applicants to take an Achievement Test. Unlike the SAT's or ACT's, students could take this test at any time in high school. Last year many sophomores took the Biology Achievement test. Junior Heather Selman said, "I didn't really prepare for them and got the score that I expected. There were many things on the test that we never learned." Some of the other Achievement Tests that students took were ones in Physics, Mathematics, and English Composition.

"The important thing to remember about the College Board's entrance exams, is that they are only important in extreme test scores. If a student does poorly on a test, that could show that they aren't prepared to go into that particular field of study," said Mr. Larry Zwagerman.

THE REAL THING? Students who want to prepare for the SAT take the PSAT in their junior year. Tara Wendel double-checks her test for mistakes. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)



Testing

"The College Boards are used to find out how proficient a student is in certain fields of study. They show how prepared the student is in a certain area of study."

Larry Zwagerman
Counselor

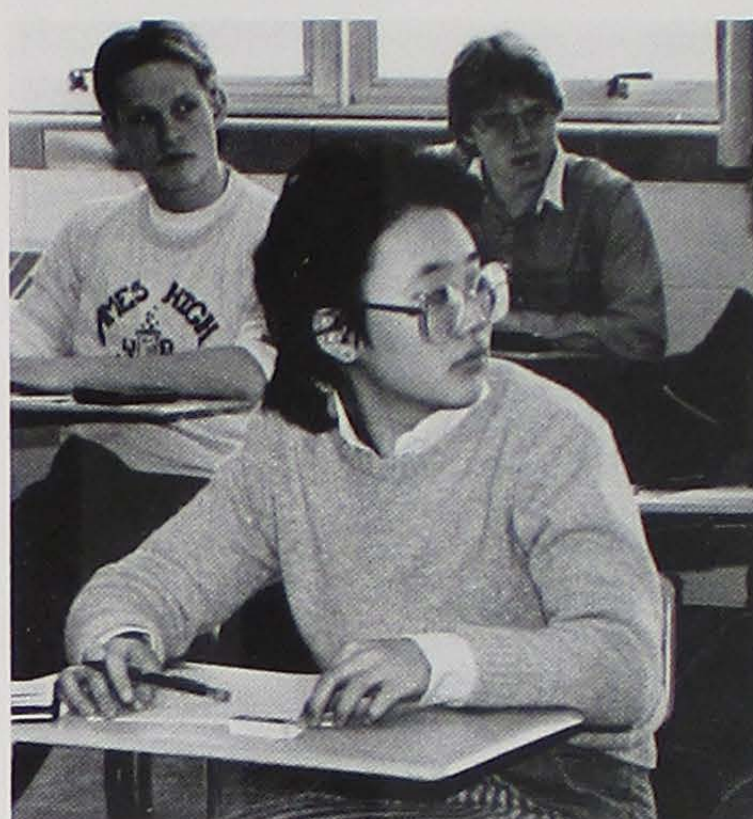


GO AHS. A foreign exchange student from Germany, senior Anja Trebes watches a basketball game. Trebes participated in many activities including Speech club and track. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven.)

RECEIVING DIRECTIONS. Final instructions are given to senior honor student Rowena Young for the Drake Physics Exam. Young also took Sophomore Physics at ISU. (Photo by Ann Scott.)

RELAXING. The last minutes of a composition for the College-Bound class give Chuck Knox some time to relax. Collecting baseball cards was one of Knox's hobbies. (Photo by Amy Bleyle)

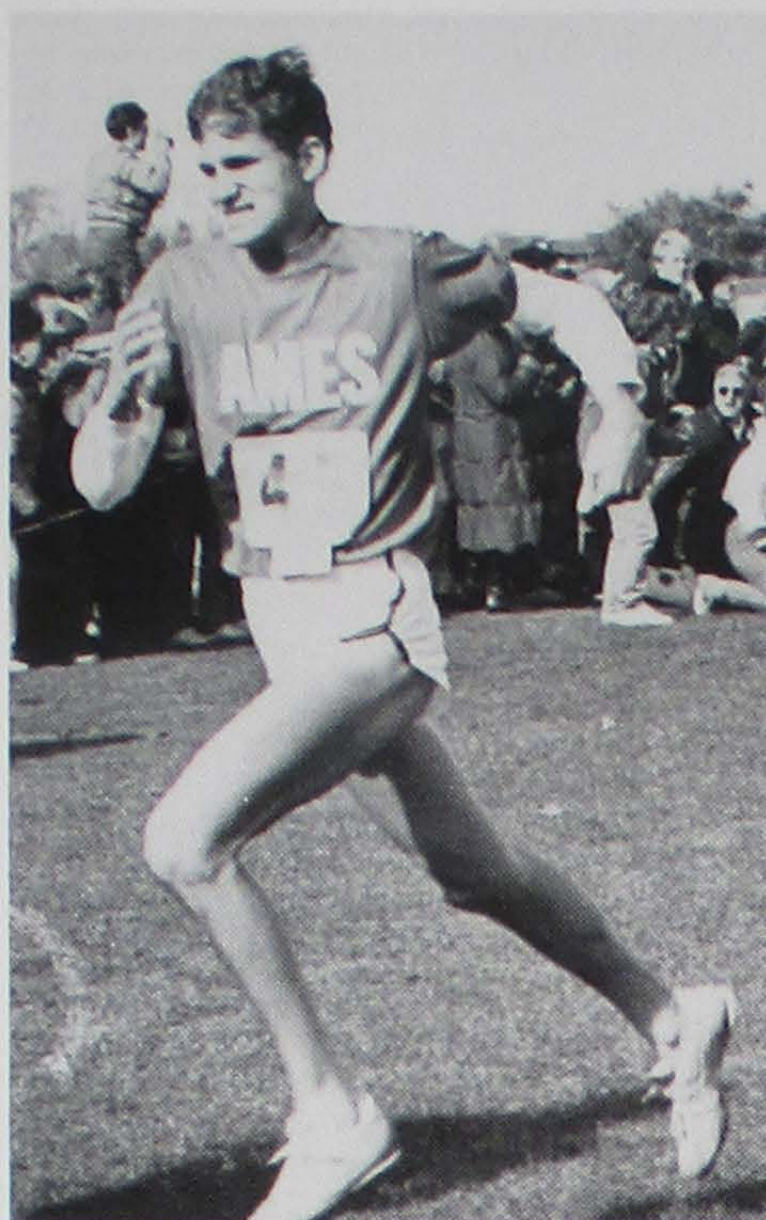
BORING. Even students with 4.00 pt. GPA's such as Steve Fehr find some classes a little dull. Fehr participated in I-Ball and band. (Photo by Vel Randic.)



STRETCH. Cross-country is one activity which senior honor student Jeff Hartman participated in. The team took third place at the State meet. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven.)

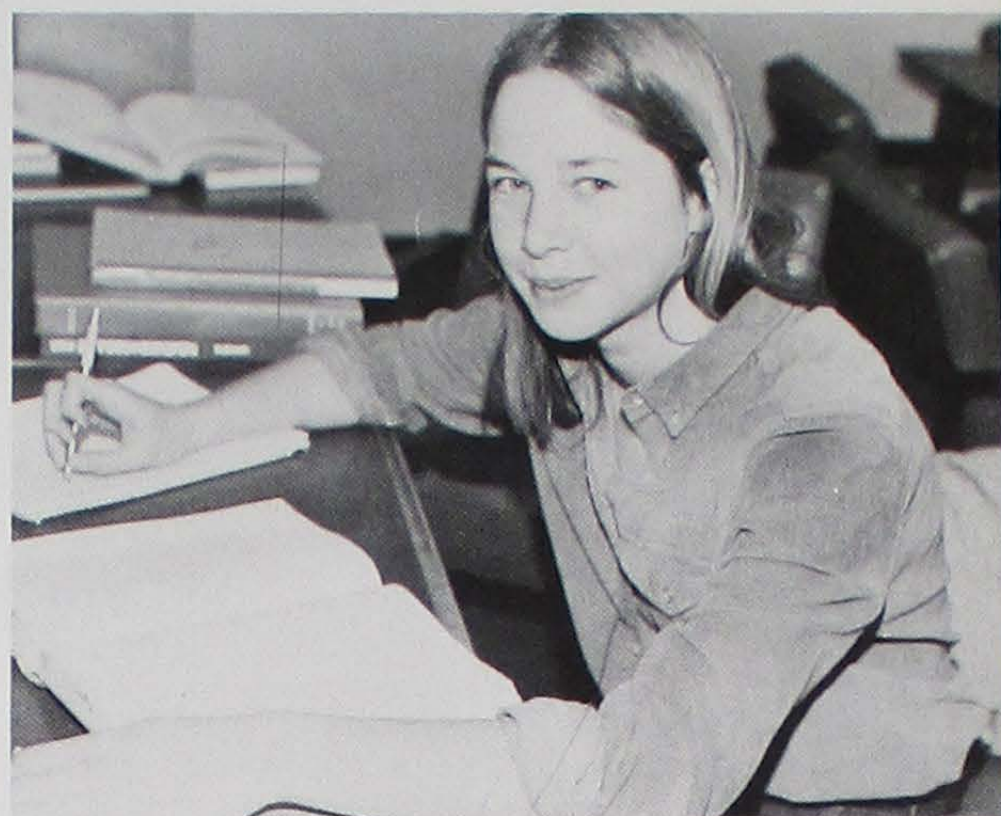
STUDY TIME. Studying takes much of senior Stephanie Hanson's time. However, she also was on Senior Senate, directed a One-Act Play, and worked at Taco Time. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)





DEDICATION. Determination and hard work pays off for senior Greg Worley at the conference cross-country meet. Worley finished fifth. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven.)

CRITIQUING. The *Scratch Pad* board including senior Nina Leacock, listens to entries being considered for the literary publication. (Photo by Vel Randic.)



Top students excel in classes, extra activities

"If you want to do well in school," advised senior honor student Stephanie Hanson, "put that as your number one priority, but also balance academics with other activities."

Hanson followed her own advice and was able to maintain a perfect 4.00 point grade average throughout her years at Ames High. She and nine other seniors were ranked first in their class.

Contrary to popular belief, these students did not spend all their free time studying, although they admitted they sometimes studied up to six hours a night, depending on the amount of homework they were assigned.

Jeff Hartman said one clue to his academic success was that he always kept up with daily assignments, so he didn't fall behind. Similarly, Greg Worley commented that he felt it was important to study a little each day rather than cramming right before a test.

Most of the top students believed that college preparation was emphasized at AHS. Rowena Young, as several of the other top students, prepared herself for college by taking such courses as Calculus, Honors Chemistry and

Composition for the College-bound. In order to be thoroughly prepared for college, "take all the classes you can," advised Steve Fehr, another top student.

Classes were not the only activity in which these top students were involved. Andrew Balinsky said it's important to "get involved in things besides schoolwork, to join clubs and other activities." Balinsky was involved with Speech Club, tennis, AHS Soccer Club, and student council.

"Looking back, I wish I would have gotten more involved in other activities," said Janelle Bunde, expressing the feelings of several of the top students. Aerobics classes, a job, church activities, plays, and schoolwork kept Bunde busy.

Chuck Knox, Anja Trebes, or any of the other straight "A" students, were the first to admit that earning good grades took much time and commitment. Nina Leacock said, "No one thing is right for everyone. A person should do what they want to." For Leacock and nine other students, academic achievement was right for them.



HARD AT WORK. Calculus and Honors Chemistry, although his favorite classes, keep Andrew Balinsky busy. He spent 3-4 hours studying each night. (Photo by Amy Bleyle.)

LAYOUT DESIGN. As an assignment for Introduction to Journalism, senior Janelle Bunde cuts out pictures for a mock layout. (Photo by Dana Seehafer.)



Requirements

"Every student should realize that there is more to education than how to make a living — each person also needs to examine how to live their life."

Richard Schneider
Social Studies Teacher

Basic skills necessary for all diploma holders

According to Annette Rowley, the speech teacher for sophomore workshop, "Required courses prepare them (students) to organize thoughts, gain self-control and self-confidence, and be aware of skills necessary to play their part in decision-making in a democracy."

"I hope it also makes them better critics and challenging listeners of public speakers, particularly politicians," Mrs. Rowley added. English is required, along with other courses.

As every senior knows, government was a required class.

"It is one of the very few high school courses required by law. In the area of social studies, all students are required to take one semester of American History and one semester of American Government — any additional requirements for graduation are the option of the local school board," said Richard Schneider, a U.S. Government teacher.

Many students were perturbed by the fact that U.S. Government was a required course, but senior Kathy Lynott said, "I think it's important to take government in order to learn something about our nation's system. This course isn't too hard and you can get something out of it."

Seniors weren't the only students griping about required social studies

courses. Sophomores were required to take one year of history, TAE or Survey of American History. TAE teacher Richard White said, "By its organization, TAE provides an alternative to the eighth grade American History program."

"This approach is enhanced by the practice of students switching teachers between semesters. TAE challenges students to understand and learn history from an interesting frame of reference."

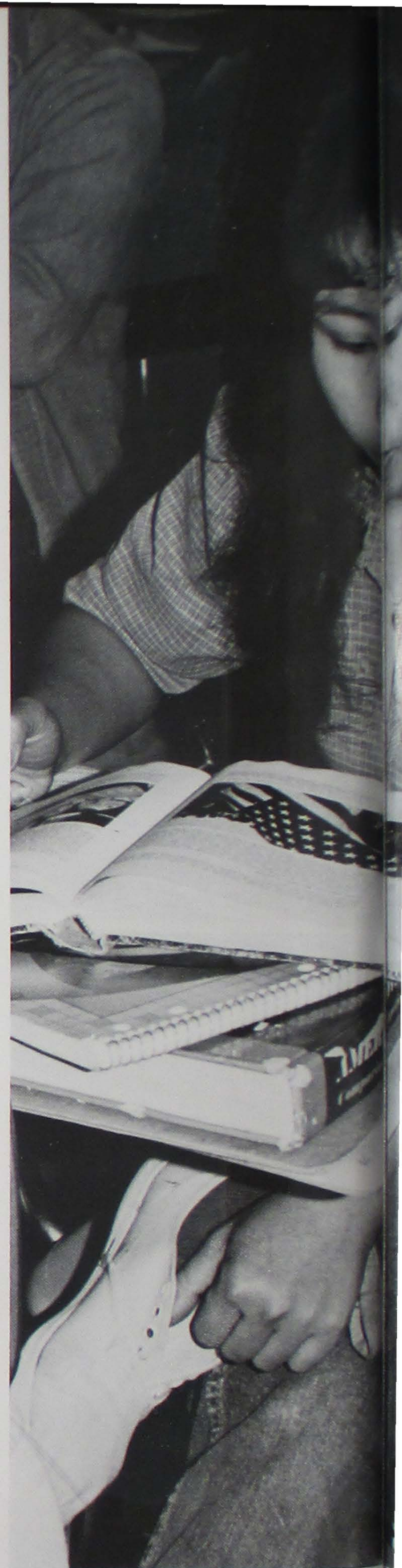
Yet another required course was Physical Education. It was required all three years of high school. As a sophomore, students were required to take one semester of Health and Swimming.

Sophomore Kim Davis said, "I don't mind it; it's fun sometimes." Another sophomore, Brian Jarnagin said, "Swimming is important. You don't realize you needed it until you need to know how to swim."

"Every student should realize that there is more to education than how to make a living — each person needs to examine how to live their life and the required courses fulfill this," said Mr. Schneider.

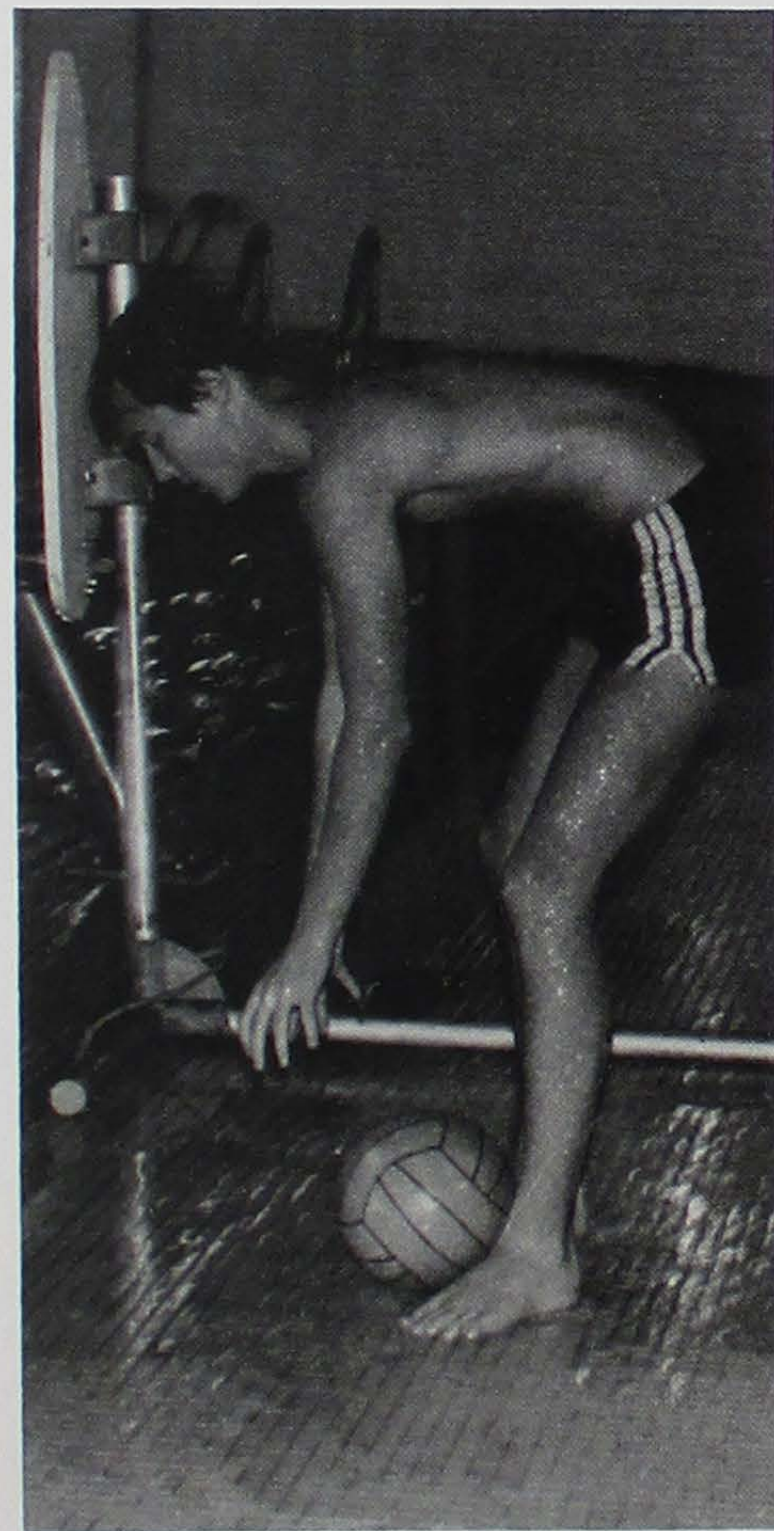
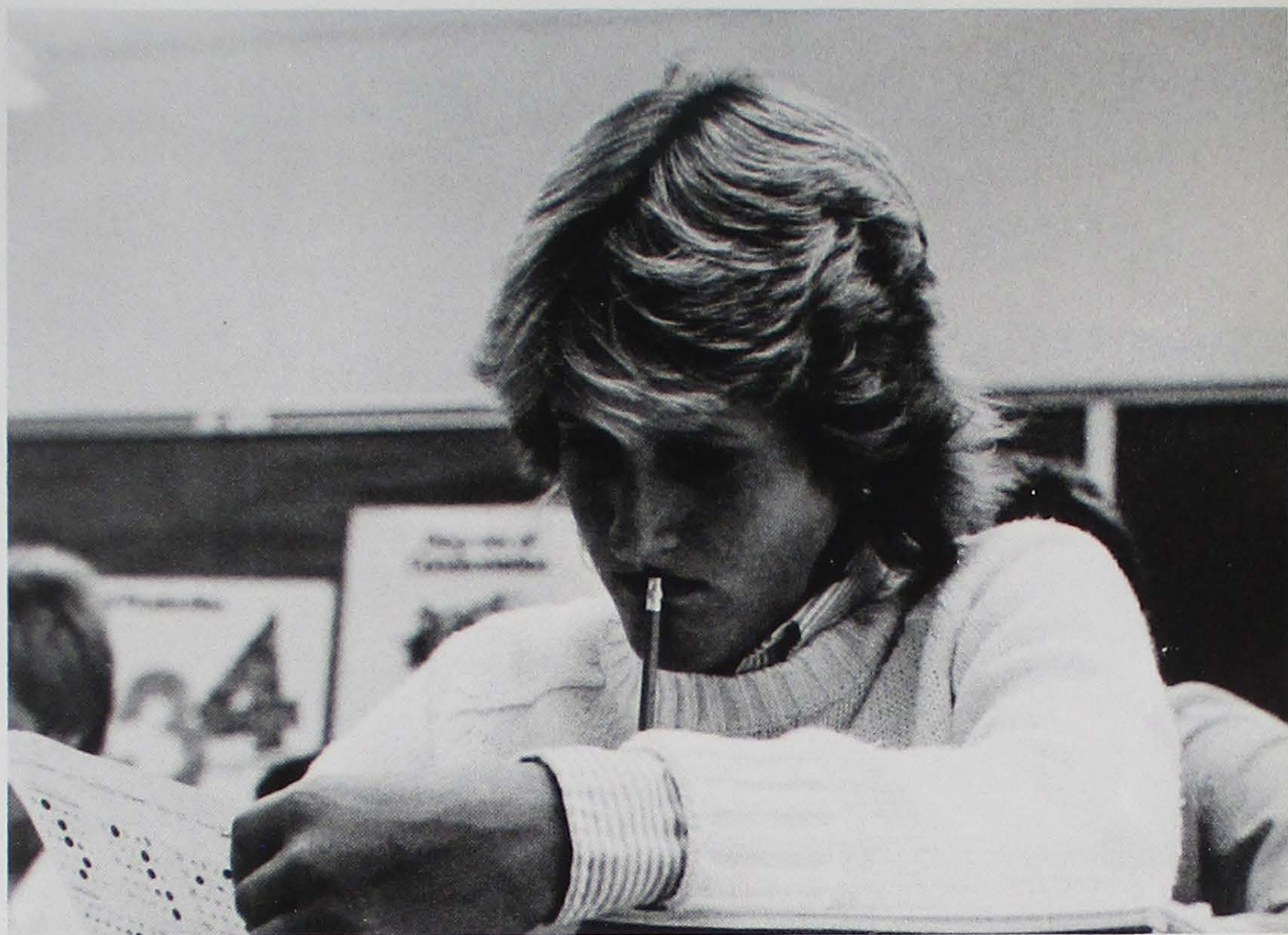
"Subjects like English, literature, math, and science are all necessary for an individual to function with a minimal degree of literacy and competency in today's society."

STUDY. Senior Kim Meas reads her textbook in her U.S. Government class. Government taught students about the intricacies of the American political system. (Photo by Anja Trebes)





THINK Sophomore Deb Perrin ponders over a TAE test question in Mr. Duea's class. Students in this class were given tests with multiple choice and true-false questions. (Photo by Tim Allen)



ASSIGNMENT EXPLANATION. Mrs. Lybeck explains an assignment to junior Mark Grundman. Juniors were required to take one semester of Survey or Perspectives in American Literature. (Photo by Tim Allen)

WATER POLO, ANYONE? Ron Crider picks up a ball in his sophomore swimming class. All sophomores were required to take one semester of swimming. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)



Homework

"I give homework because study of a foreign language is like learning a musical instrument: it requires daily practice."

Sonja Darlington
German Teacher

Homework results in more knowledge and skills

Students were too familiar with the word homework. Homework was what teachers assigned students to improve study habits, to review and drill lessons, and to finish work which wasn't finished in the classroom.

Most students were assigned at least an hour of homework each day. Whether the student did it or not depended on his/her attitude towards school.

Many students felt homework was necessary, even if they didn't get it all finished. Junior Suzie Merideth said, "Homework is a necessary evil. I feel that by getting it done, it should improve my grades."

Junior Michelle Gelina said that her homework taught her discipline. She said the homework forced her not to procrastinate and to complete it before it piled too high.

Many juniors complained about all the homework they had, but sophomores and seniors didn't have it easy, either.

Sophomore Chris Oklishi, a student involved in all three sophomore honors classes and in calculus, said, "Having lots and lots of homework teaches you one important thing in life: setting priorities."

Senior Michelle Johnston agreed. She said, "This year I was really busy with my job. Sometimes I had to make a decision about what to do and what not to do."

Some teachers felt that homework was necessary to improve and practice the skills learned in the classroom.

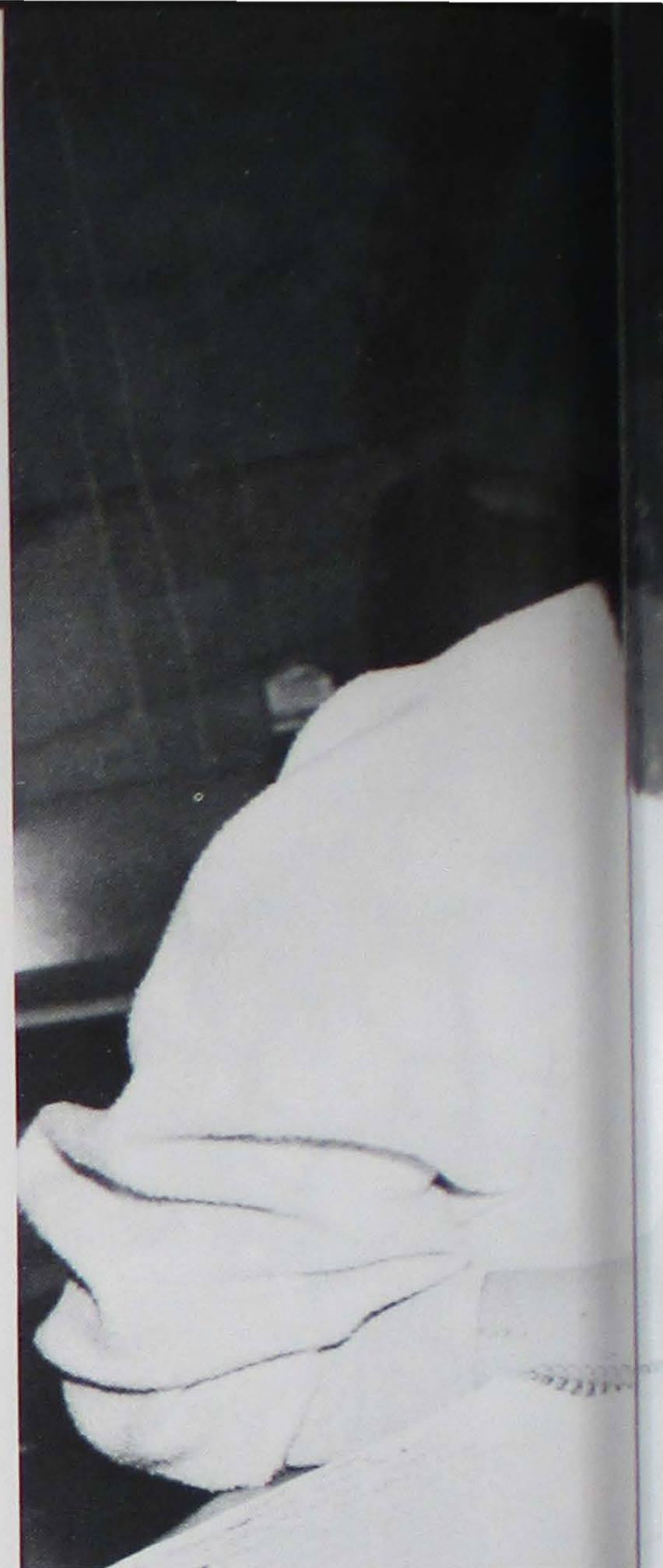
Mr. Bob Gibbons said that homework "helps the students actually understand the concepts that are presented, and develops good self-discipline and study habits."

"The type of homework we use in biology helps them (students) organize the concepts and material involved in each unit," he added.

Mr. Phil Johnson said, "The student gains the knowledge of whatever he/she is learning by repetition, whether it be math or some other subject."

Mr. Johnson also said, "Schoolwork, not homework, makes you a better student by allowing you to learn from repetition."

When junior Miya Sioson was asked what she gained from homework she said, "A migraine headache, a cold, and dizziness . . ."





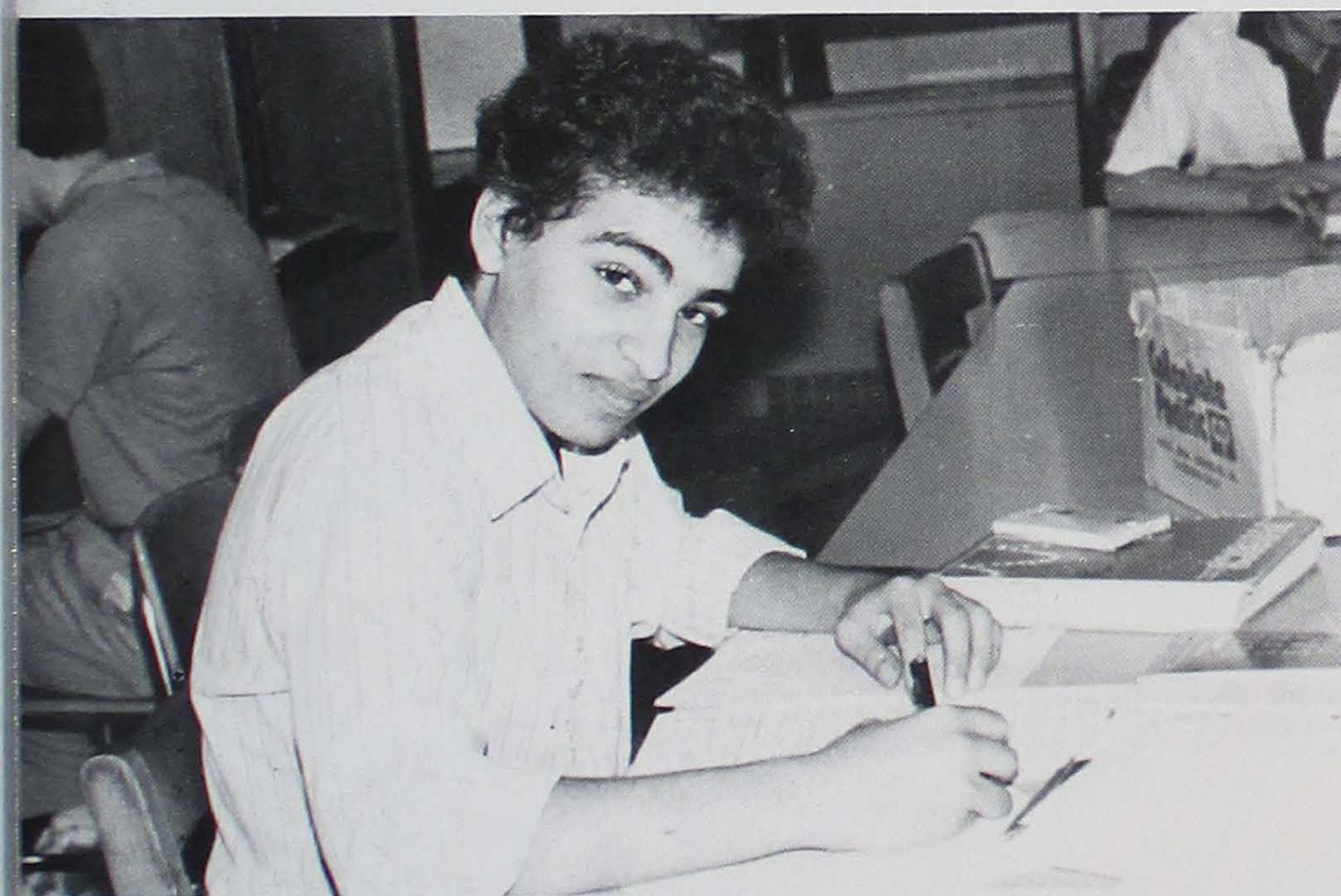
SLC HOMEWORK? While many students would rather talk to a neighbor in SLC, sophomore Bonnie Sprague concentrates on her TAE assignment. (Photo by Anja Trebes)

IT'S FINAL. Algebra II student, senior Jim Miller, makes his mark on his math final. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)



ETUDIE! ETUDIE! The IMC was a place where many students got last minute work done. Junior LuAnn Forssman works on her French III workbook (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)

PUT TO THE TEST. Before his Physics B exam, junior Hussam Gabal studies in the science IMC. Students often chose to work there so they could get extra help from a teacher. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)



STUDYING HARD. To ensure a good grade on her trigonometry final, junior Heidi Hass reviews her text book in the IMC. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)

EASTER CELEBRATION. To help bring Easter joy to senior citizens seniors Kurt Hockman and Jenny Pasley, dressed as the Easter bunny, entertain a resident at the Riverside Manor. (Photo by Chris Benson)





Participation was the name of the game for us when organizations were discussed. With over 300 students belonging to the various groups and clubs, we had approximately 27% of the student body involved in our organizations.

The largest group was Volunteers. Approximately 200 of us joined to do such services as visiting nursing homes once a month, being a buddy to a student at Willson-Beardshear School or tutoring elementary kids.

Student Council also experienced an increase of membership to more than 40 members. This increase caused us to move the meetings to the auditorium to accomodate the crowd. Speech Club, too, grew larger with almost 60 members.

Many new organizations emerged during the course of the year. Several students put together a SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) group, who helped us become more aware of the growing problems of drinking and driving. Also, the Drama Club was re-established after lying dormant for several years.

These many groups gave us a chance to become involved in many organizations, or just concentrate on one. They helped our school, our community and ourselves to be A Cut Above.

GROUPS

a cut above

Student Council



FIRST SEMESTER STUDENT COUNCIL. **Front Row:** Amy Theile, Julie Slater, Susan Colwell, Mark Andrews, Chris Tice, Dave Stenberg, Jenny Bower, Karen Brown, Lori VanSickle, Jenny Pasley. **Second Row:** Becky Kemp, Stacy Dalton, Mark Yates, Andy Balinsky, Kristen Reynolds, Linda Graver, Barb Farrar, Brenda Plakans, Devika Seecharan, Jean Foss. **Third Row:** Jenny Messenger, Susie McKlveen, Shelby Myers, Terri Jackson, Lori Peter, Dave White, Cathy Stidwell, Kristin Smedal, Christine Budnik, Anne Klufa. **Fourth Row:** Bonali Barua, Ricci Moore, Marissa Campos, Bob Smithson, John Kim, Margaret Baumel, Karen Wilt, Kristen Egeland. **Back Row:** Maggie Murphy, Steve Austin, Georgann Griffith, Tara Fatka, Lisa Tice, Kelly Dasher, Bob Devens, Chris Benson, Karen Koellner, Nina Leacock, Anja Trebes. **Not Pictured:** Tom Fleener, Sarah Wassmuth.

Student Council



SECOND SEMESTER STUDENT COUNCIL. **Front Row:** Lori Van Sickle, Jenny Bower, Susan Colwell, Julie Slater, Mark Criner, Stacy Dalton. **Second Row:** Brett Carney, Amy Conley, Marissa Campos, Van Malenchik, Joey Philips. **Third Row:** Christine Budnik, Cathy Stidwell, Linda Graver, Jenna Andersen, Bonali Barua, Vicky Clark. **Back Row:** Steve Madson, Pat McCracken, Harry Laudencia. **Not Pictured:** Brenda Plakans, Kristen Egeland, Lisa Tice, Kristen Reynolds, Jana Lynott, Mark Yates, Julius Pohlenz, Chris Benson, Karen Koellner, Tom Fleener, Ian Hoffman, Shelby Myers, Maggie Murphy, Terri Jackson.

Success for St. Council

Though first semester senior co-presidents Dave Stenberg and Tom Fleener won the election without a particular platform, the Student Council accomplished many things.

Most thought the national Statue of Liberty renovation campaign was a good cause at which to direct a donation since "it's the nation's mascot," said senior Bob Smithson.

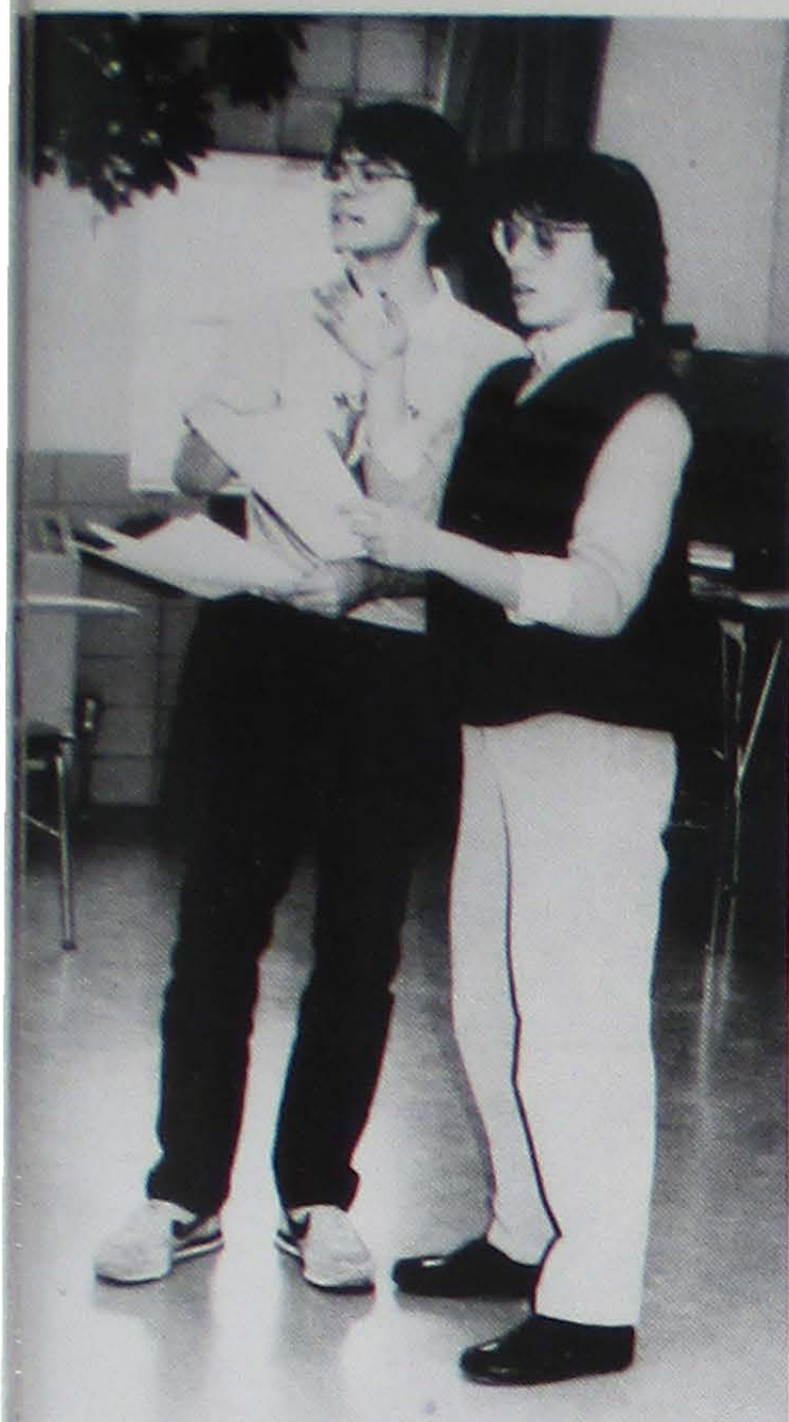
Under the direction of second semester senior tri-presidents, Jenny Bower, Lori Van Sickle and Chris Benson brought the idea of a pop machine before the school board.

Cleaning up the school was another accomplishment for the second semester council. The grounds clean up was held on April 6 when 75 student and community members volunteered their time to beautify the school.

Welfare week was also a large success. For the first time a carnival was held to help raise money for the Ames Food Shelf for needy families.

"On the whole I think it was a very productive year," concluded Julius Pohlenz.





IT'S LIKE THIS. As Speech Club co-presidents, seniors David Dearin and Kristen Reynolds direct the large group competitors. They also give instructions to the Reader's Theater. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven).

DECIDING TOGETHER. Senior tri-captains were elected to unify the team and the coaches. Assistant coach Mike Flummerfelt makes suggestions about plays to captain Mark Criner. (Photo by Barb Farrar).



Leaders take responsibility

Students who devoted their time and talents above the usual norm were good candidates for the leaders of various groups. Some leaders were appointed by the adviser while others were elected by the members.

Mrs. Annette Rowley appointed seniors Kristen Reynolds and David Dearin to the position of Speech Club co-presidents. She introduced them to the club members as "two dedicated sorts."

As co-presidents, Dearin and Reynolds cast all the speech club participants in their groups for competition. Together they wrote a script for the choral reading group and directed them, as well as the Reader's Theater group.

They also took care of the details and the minor things along the way. Dearin said, "We did the things that everyone took for granted, for example, props. We also tried to take some of the pressure off Mrs. Rowley."

WRITING AND REWRITING. Writing copy was an area that many staff members had trouble with. *Spirit* editor, Brenda Plakans answers junior Margaret Baumel's questions about the copy for her feature. (Photo by Vel Randic.)

Other dedicated leaders included those of the *Spirit* and *Web* staffs. Senior *Spirit* editors, Brenda Plakans and Lisa Huber often found themselves taking more time than necessary to correct mistakes and proofread all the spreads.

As a first semester *Web* co-editor, senior Ann Yates said, "Alissa Kaplan (co-editor) and I design layouts, and headlines and typeset almost everything as well as proofread all of it."

On the football team, senior tri-captains, Mark Criner, Tom Shakeshaft, and Charles Vondra were elected by fellow team members. They set examples for the team and formed a liaison between the team and the coaches. The three met with head coach Kirk Daddow each Sunday to discuss team problems and areas that needed improvement.

The cheersquads also elected their own captains. They organized the squads at practices but often found themselves spending time outside of practice organizing pep assemblies and rides to out-of-town events. Fall cheersquad captain, senior Shaun Connolly said, "It was an honor to be elected by the squad, but it took a lot of time and work."

Junior Executive Council



JUNIOR EXECUTIVE. Front Row: Tamara Miller, Anne Klufa, Kristin Smedal, Margaret Baumel, Sara Lawlor, Tim Stenberg, Julie Byriel, Kristen Egeland. **Back Row:** Susanne Tachibana, Debbie Dry, Mari Wittmer, Beth Evans, Julie Pearson, Kim Shanks, Adviser Nancy Johnson. **Not Pictured:** Erin Andersen, Kim Ebbers, Vicki Clark, Wendy Eckhoff. (Photo by Dana Seehafer.) **SENIOR SENATE. Front Row:** Shaun Connolly, Stephanie Hanson,

Senior Senate



Sonya Powers, Barb Farrar, Amy Hutter, Chris Hill, Sally Lendt. **Second Row:** Michelle Johnston, Susan Thompson, Susan Colwell, Julie Tschetter, Adrienne Erbach, Katherine Middleton, Becky Bishop. **Back Row:** Bret Posegate, Tom Shakeshaft, Stacy Dalton, Laurie Lutz, Janet Wisner, Karen Koellner, Molly Craft. **Not Pictured:** Carol Mallgren, Mike Pell, Mark Haas, Adviser Grace Bauske. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

Class councils prepare for year-end activities

Behind the glitter of prom and the stateliness of graduation were two particular groups who worked months in advance.

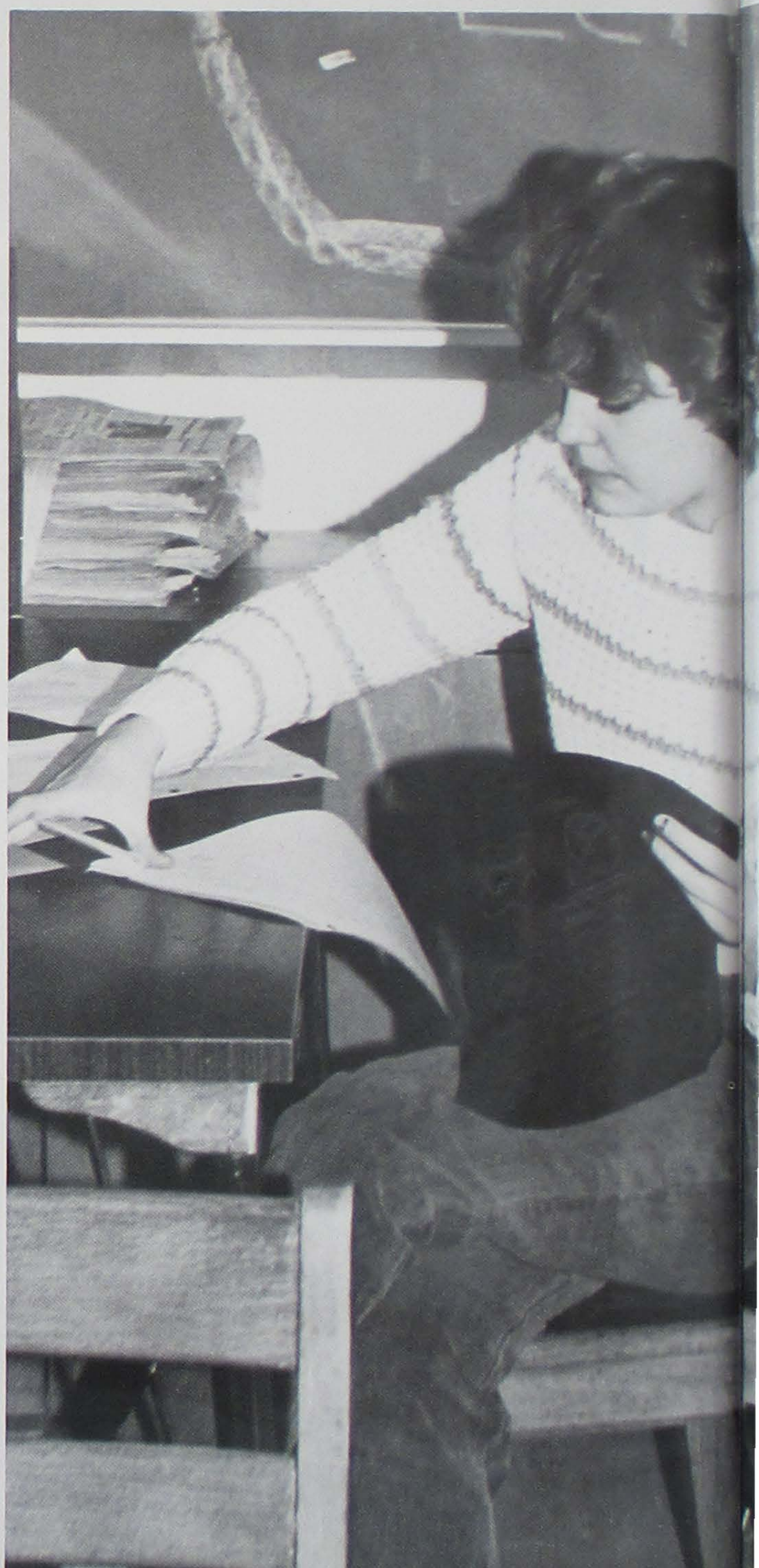
The Junior Executive Council was responsible for organizing the prom. The primary prom fund-raisers were the magazine and student directory sales in the fall. "I didn't know that Junior Exec. put together the directory," said member Julie Byriel, "I thought they just did it in the office."

After Christmas the Junior Executive council began looking for music for prom. Instead of a band, they decided to hire a disc jockey who would play videos on a big screen television.

The Senior Senate was planning early for baccalaureate and graduation. Representatives from different companies showed caps and gowns to the group beginning in mid-October.

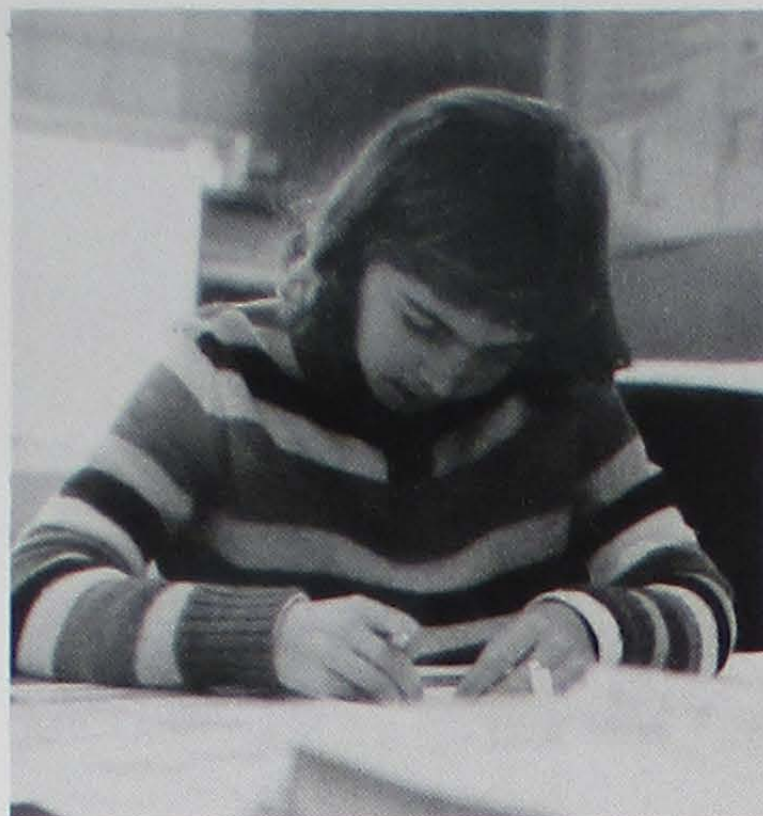
Late in the spring, the group chose student speakers for commencement and planned the annual senior picnic.

The group chose to deal with the Colgate Company under a new five year contract. With this contract, senior fees will increase only 25 cents each of the next five years. "It's a good deal for us and for future seniors, too," said member Mike Pell.





PLAYING ON STAGE. In the fall play, "The Warrior's Husband," senior Mike Pell tells a story with frequent interruptions from Heather Selman. (Photo by Anja Trebes.)



PUTTING IT TOGETHER. Dedicated staff members had to work hard to paste up the **WEB** and get it ready for publication. Senior Jenny Bower is doing her share. (Photo by Dana Seehafer.)

Some are happy just to be a part of school activities

There were many faces that popped up time and again in a variety of Ames High activities. These were not the faces of student council presidents, football team captains, or newspaper editors. Rather they were members of the "common folk", involved for pure pleasure and interest.

Many of these less-noticed faces hoped to meet many kinds of people by getting involved. One such person, senior Karen Brown, commented, "In school activities I got to be with many different groups. They were less cliquey and more open to everyone."

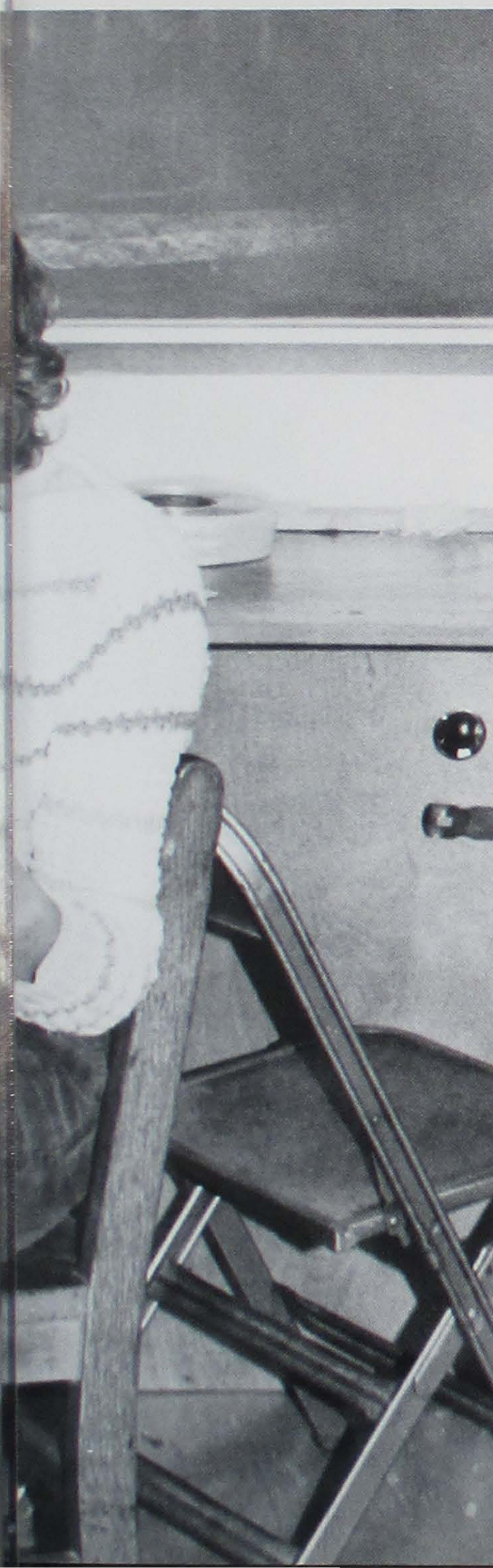
While they often would have liked to be leaders, they were usually happy to make room for the more ambitious workaholics. Senior Mark Tondra thought leadership often was a matter of popularity and personal confi-

dence. "I don't think I'm the kind people want to represent them. I'd like to lead, but people don't want to follow me," Tondra explained.

These people weren't greatly upset by the lack of recognition they received for all their efforts. A very active sophomore, Shelby Myers, explained, "I don't want a big fanfare. Call me humble." They were people like junior Julius Polhlanz who could reflect, "I just did things for myself. I did what I liked."

Although these students were seldom noticed or given credit, they were essential to the success of school activities. They had participated with dedication all along instead of jumping on the activity "bandwagon" in desperation to have something to write on college applications. They seldom worried about being the center of attention, but were flexible and cooperative about doing the "dirty work" nobody else wanted. These students were essential because they gave more than they received.

PICKING PICS. SPIRIT staff members were responsible for getting the elements needed to complete their layouts. Junior Kristen Reynolds makes assignments for pictures for her spread. (Photo by Vel Randic.)



O.E.A.



O.E.A. Front Row: Molly Hanke, Ann Wishart, Jean Benson, Jana Sturdivant. **Second Row:** Lisa Sturdivant, Donna Heim, Micci Moore, Sandee Strong, Sherry Brown, and Lynnette Bauge. (Photo by Barb Farrar) **V.I.C.A. Front Row:** Sandy Collins, Kelly Zachary, Dawn Schultz, Jenny Percell, Nikky Murrell. **Second Row:** Darin Hinderaker, Mark Konglan, Mark Young, Jim Sills,

V.I.C.A.



Mark Junk, David Benna, Chuck Kauzlarich, Gary Simpson, Robby Hennick, Mike Connor, Jim Brown, Brett Mather, Jayme Dahlke, Shawn McGlothlen, Rich Holst, Jim Poffenberger, Carl Greiner, Gary Elliot, Rod Jones. **Third Row:** Chris Harden, Mark Olson, and Jeff Solberg. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

Clubs offer job training

The Office Education Program was designed to prepare students for entry in a beginning office occupation and business skills.

Mrs. Rose Wilcox, the instructor of the class, said, "The entire class has done a good job for the employers." She continued, "It's unusual not to have at least one bad match in the class."

Another job training program was the VICA Club.

Mr. Dan Faas was supervisor of the Vocational Education Club which included 33 students.

Activities of the club included local fund-raising projects and state leadership meetings, as well as exchanges with other schools, out-of-town field trips and other competitive projects at the State level.

The third program was the Distributive Education Clubs of America.

Mr. Darrill Abel, supervisor of the 49 students said, "DECA activities are always school-centered, so they contribute to the school's purpose of preparing well-adjusted and employable citizens."

This year's Distributive Education class students earned several honorable mentions in a variety of categories at the State Conference.

Tom Fleener acquired a third place finish and two team efforts earned second and third place finishes.

Senior Gina Nelson said "I really had to be able to deal with adults and children on the job. The class really helped me in a lot of different situations with people."





DECA. Front Row: Traci Taylor, Shelly Elsberry, Nancy Taylor, Jamie Clark, Brenda Pedigo, Susan Dyer, Shawn Schnieder, Julie Tschetter, Stephanie Struble, Gina Nelson, Sarah Rust, **Back Row:** Mark Osterloo, Molly Craft, Teri Holtz, Steve Abel, Kris Childs, Becky Bishop, Tami O'Neal, Tom Fleener. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven.) **DECA Front Row:** Brad Shaw, Brett Posegate,



Richie Chieves, Todd Senne. **Second Row:** Roni Eckroad, April Bielefeldt, Karen Handy, Michelle Tannehill, Laurie Lutz, Teresa Suarez, Blaine Moats, Lisa Port, Karin Sharp, Stacy Setterberg, Jayne Showers, Sean McNunn, Missy Wershay, Deanne Jamison, Marty Kiser, **Back Row:** Brian Meeks, Jolene Porath. (Photo by Dana Seehafer.)

Profiting jobs

"I hate being broke, also I needed the money for college expenses and my car," said senior DECA member, Jayne Showers.

Seniors who wanted work were able to apply for three classes which guaranteed them a job at an office, business or industry.

The OE (Office Education) class and club focused on jobs in the clerical field. Senior Sandee Strong got a job in the counseling center at the high school. She said, "I wanted the work experience and it was nice not to have to leave the school."

Also at the high school was the Student Store, a DECA sponsored business that was run by senior Brian Meeks. Even though Brian managed the store, the school paid him an hourly wage. "It was a good paying job and I'm learning a lot about business management." Also through DECA, Meeks received a job at McDonald's that he said he enjoyed.

The T & I (Trade and Industry) class and corresponding VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) club offered the third option for students seeking jobs. Senior Nicki Murrell was employed at Hickory Park restaurant. "I wasn't able to get a job in the area that I'm interested in, architecture, so I work at the fountain at Hickory Park."

Through DECA, OE, and VICA most seniors were able to enter the work force in jobs focusing on their area of interest. "Besides making money, it was a valuable learning experience," concluded senior DECA member Teresa Suarez.



NEW EXPERIENCE. DECA Provided jobs for students who might not have gotten them otherwise. Senior Tammi O'Neal had a job at Carr Hardware. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)

WORKING HARD. Working at her DECA job at North Grand Rexall Drug Store, Jayne Showers learns to use the cash register. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)

Wargamers



WARGAMERS. Front Row: Lars Andersin, Geff Underwood, David Wollaston, Thomas Tanner, Adviser Martin Scott, John Montet.

Model U.N.



MODEL U.N. Front Row: Maggie Murphy, Michelle Gelina, Kari Nelson, Jonathan Fromm, Dennis Crabb. **Second Row:** Nina Leacock, Todd Holcomb, Mark Jarnagin, David Ross. **Back Row:** Paul Clem, Karen Yates, Stephanie Rust, Mike Morford.

Clubwork requires library research

"They are all, to some extent, thinking and researching activities. You have to gather information and then put it to use," Mr. Scott said of Model U.N. and the Wargamers.

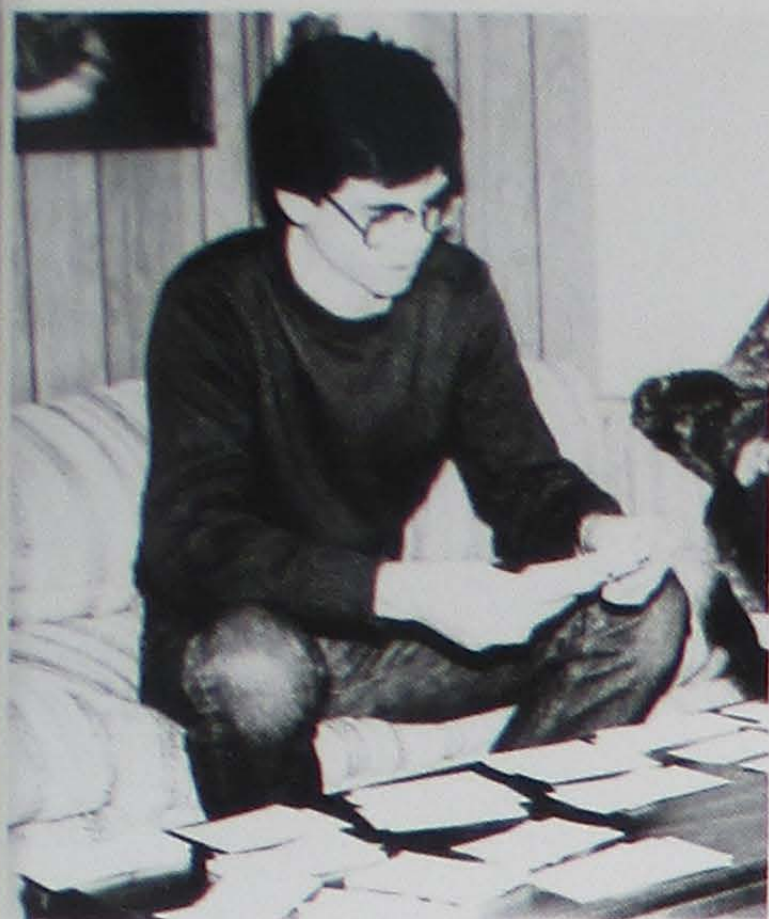
Wargamers met on Saturday afternoons for three to four hours. Senior Andy Miller said, "I enjoyed playing the game and the history in it too. I've read every book on W.W. II in the Ames High and public libraries."

The Ames chapter of Model U.N. represented Israel this year. "To be in Model U.N. you must have knowledge of the United Nations, its procedure and issues important to countries," said junior Maggie Murphy.

The members of Model U.N. started to prepare for the Cedar Falls convention a year in advance. A letter was written to the Israeli ambassador so information could be gathered on the country's viewpoints on certain subjects.

The convention turned out to be the highlight of the year. The convention was quite realistic with flags from every member nation and a large U.N. seal. "There's nothing quite like," concluded Mr. Scott.





PUTTING IN TIME. Mark Haviland and Geoff Goudy sort name cards for the Story County Democratic Party. Seniors, many of them soon-to-be voters, increased their interest in national and local elections.

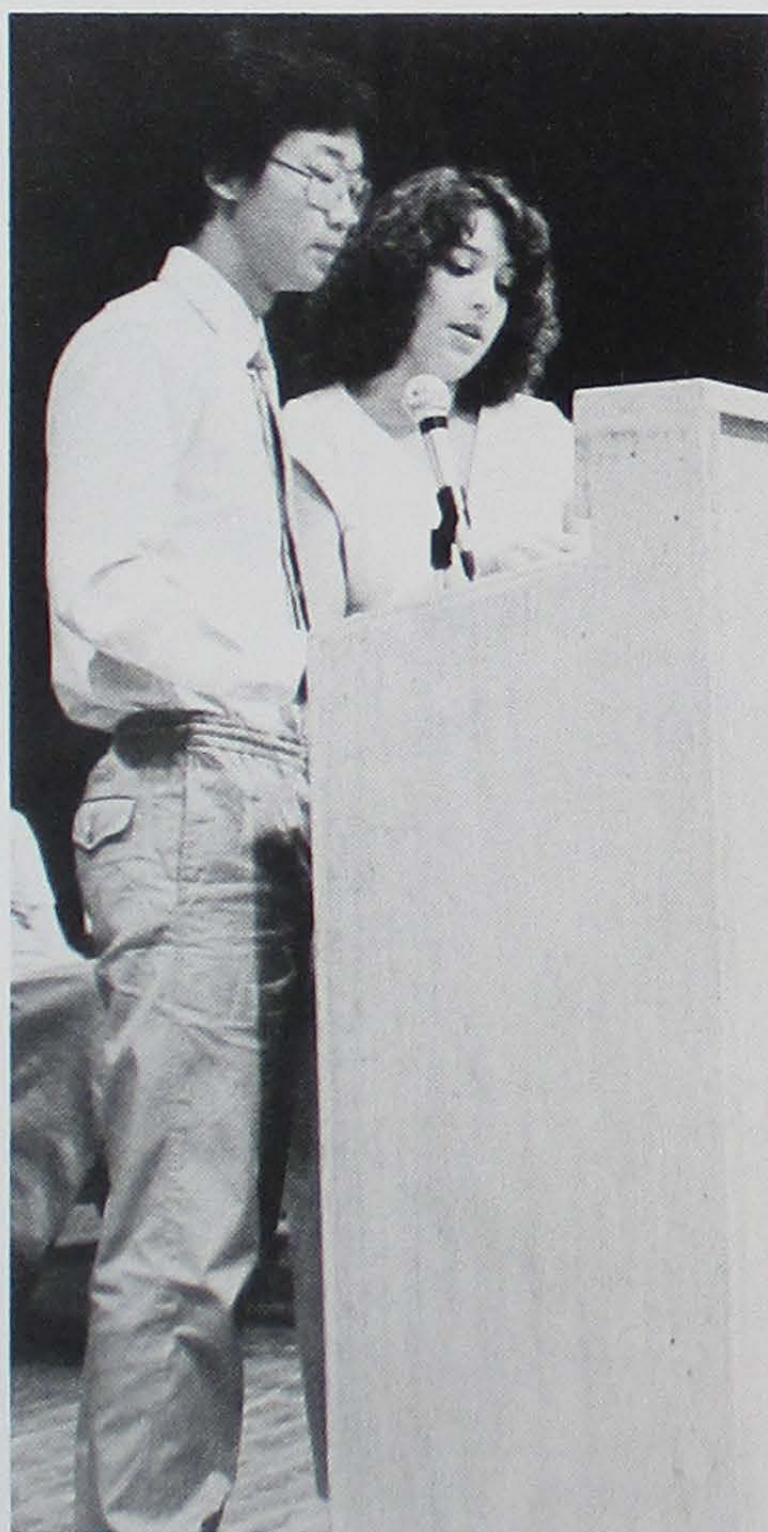
Politics interest students

It goes without saying that 1984 was an election year. The Democratic and Republican campaigns not only involved the candidates, but many others including Ames High students.

Students who were interested in helping with a campaign were able to go to either party's headquarters to find work. There they were assigned jobs that carried right up to election day. Work opportunities included taking telephone surveys, stuffing envelopes, distributing flyers, and going door to door reminding people to register to vote. Junior, Melinda Taschetta said, "Going door to door was the least fun because it used up so much gas."

Another student had more contact with issues. Junior Brecca Popelka was able to provide input on issues directly to Story County Republican Party as a junior delegate to the party. She felt it was important for anyone to be able to voice their opinion about an issue. "It was a good experience, but I probably won't continue much in politics unless I'm asked again," she said.

Pat Kearney, another junior, was planning on continuing in politics. In the future he would like to run for public office as a Democrat. He was confident that he could make a difference by getting things done that he doesn't see getting done.



MAKE YOUR MOVE. Andy Miller learns about international affairs and conflicts. The Wargamers club was open to anyone interested in strategic education.



WALKING BILLBOARD. Kurt Alber wears a display of his preference for the Republican Party. Students too young to vote showed support in other ways.

SPEAKING OUT. Julie Ford and John Kim expressed interest in student government by running for first semester student council presidents.

SADD



SADD Front Row: Leslie Stern, Kris Reynolds, Jenny Wengert, Lori Peter, Maggie Murphy. **Back Row:** Adviser Dave Posegate, Mike Ripp, Debi Wilson, Joey Phillips, Susan Greiner, Lois MacVey. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)

Thespians



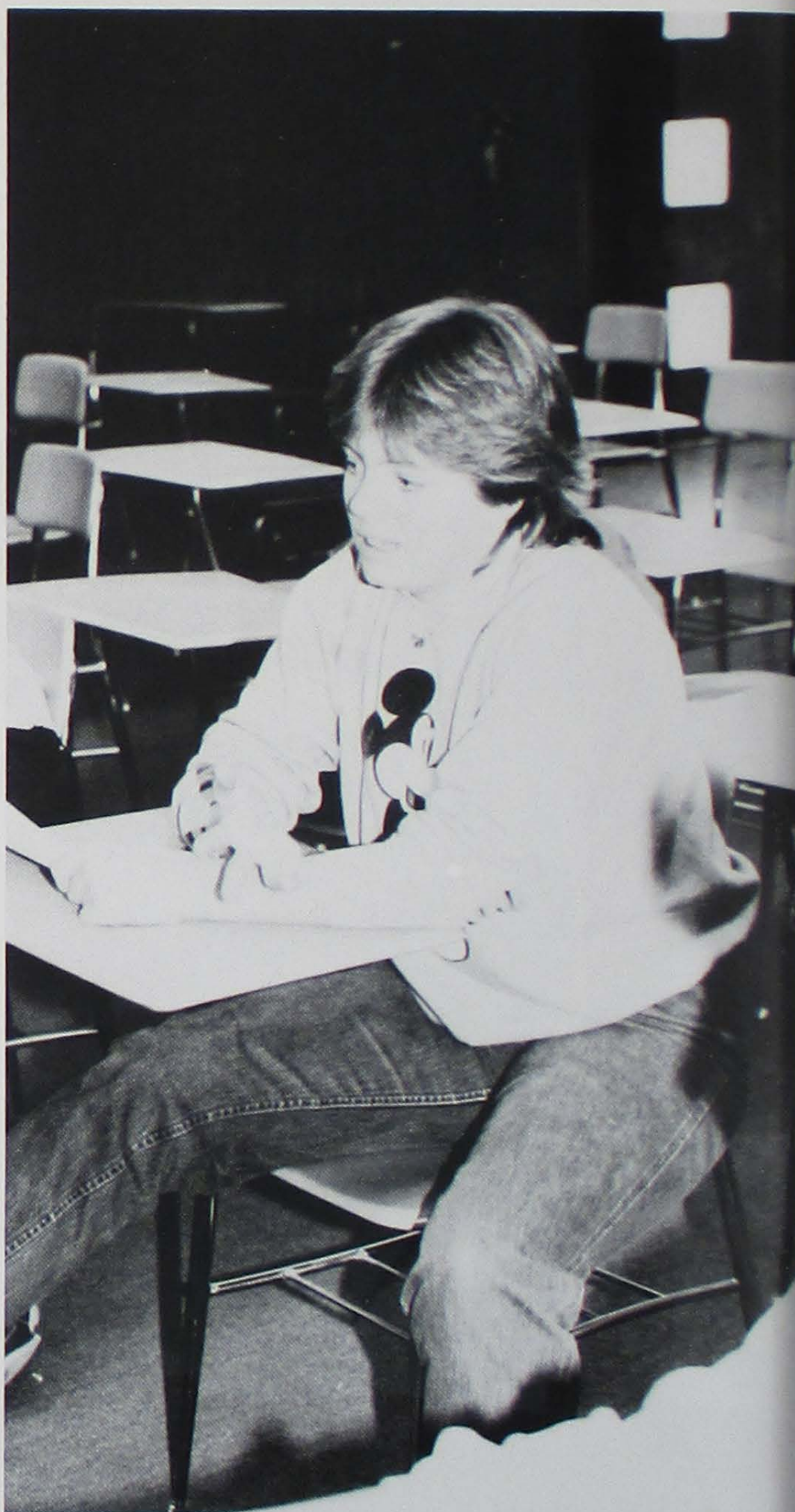
THESPIANS Front Row: Mike Pell, Joe Surber, Lori Peter, Sandy Magoon. **Second Row:** Lara Hill, Julie Ford, Heather Selman, John Lee, Jim Bernard, Jenny Robinson, Verda Davenport. **Back Row:** Shannon McCoy, John Kim, Dave Swift, Bob Smithson, Julius Pohlenz. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)

Chartered beginnings

Two new chartered organizations started this year, both with the goal of greater student involvement. SADD, Students Against Drunk Driving, sponsored by Dave Posegate, experienced a slow start. Meetings were irregular and activities few. Only SADD's goal was clear: to stop students from driving drunk. Junior secretary/treasurer Maggie Murphy said, "We're looking forward to next year, to getting more students to care."

Thespians Troop #2987 began at Ames High this year and found itself with plenty of interested students. Sponsored by "Hank" Hansen, the group began with eight students and quickly grew to eighteen members. Senior president Julie Ford was full of praise. "I love the dedication of Thespians. We all care about drama, so when we get together, we can talk about what's important," she said.

Members of both organizations were looking to the future for improvements. Junior SADD member Jenny Wengert said, "I hope we get more activities on the calendar, because that's what we really needed. I think more activities would've attracted more members." Ford agreed, "We were such a baby troop! I hope they get more involved with fund raisers and activities next year."



ONE GIRL'S OPINION. During a meeting Sophomore Joey Phillips contributes to a discussion about a possible ski trip. All members signed contracts with their parents, agreeing not to drive drunk. (Photo by Vel Randic)



GOING ON THICK One important detail in play production is stage make-up. Julie Ford finishes hers up by smoothing the base. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

Making Plans While working at a meeting, junior Lori Peter and sophomore Susan Greiner make plans for the upcoming year. (Photo by Vel Randic)

Lending a helping hand

Everyone needed a friend because friends were people who could help and support each other. Organizations also acted as support groups by working together as one.

Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD) was a relatively new support group. At the weekly meetings students shared concerns and fears about drinking and planned activities. To become a member contracts were signed by parents and youth stating that they wouldn't drive drunk. President, junior Lori Peter said "SADD doesn't stop people from drinking, it just keeps them from driving drunk."

Thespians gave their time, talent, and energy to make the school plays a success. Each had accumulated at least 100 hours of work through crews, rehearsals, and performances.

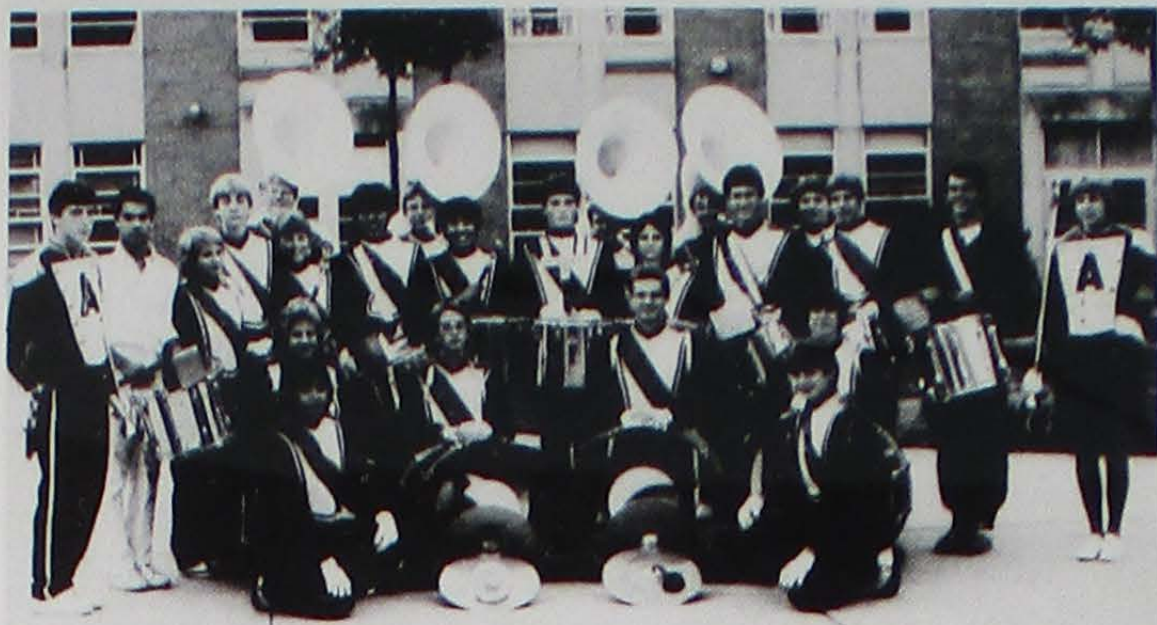
Another area that provided peer support was the Big Sis/Lil' Sis program. Female upperclassmen signed up to have a sophomore girl as their secret

sis and then bombarded them with notes and gifts. Participant sophomore Maria Ford commented "It really made me feel good at the beginning of the year to have a Big Sis! She made me feel at ease."

Tutor programs allowed students to get help or to give it. The Big Pal and the Young Adult programs both gave students the opportunity to get to know special education students from Wilson Beardshear. There were also voluntary tutors for high school students in most courses. These programs were beneficial to those involved.

Students needed independence but there were times when they all needed a helping hand. Voluntary tutor, junior Kirk Kislingbury said "It was fun to see what it was like being a teacher, not a student. I liked helping someone rather than having them help me." These organizations and programs provided aid to those who wanted to give it or receive it.

Percussion



PERCUSSION. Front Row: Hoa Nguyen, Fritz Pohlenz. **Second Row:** Gretchen Schrader, Zach Conger, Julius Pohlenz, Jamey Sharp. **Third Row:** Junior Drum Major John Osweiler, Eric O'Berry, Lisa Moore, Dan Frahm, Laurie Herman, Al Laudencia, John Lee, Bob Smithson, Karen Wilt, Dave Swift, Kevin Maak, Jerry Schrag, Senior Drum Major Jeni Rjeck. **Back Row:** David Dobson, Andy Miller, Nathan Nyvall, Pat Kearney, Lori Wunder.

Brass



BRASS. Front Row: Jana Lynott, Kristen Koch, Shelly Barber, Ros North, Bryce Pierson, Mark Haviland, Mark Andrews, Mark Oakland, Scott Moore, Kevin Wobig. **Second Row:** Mark Hanson, Robert Gray, Rich Voelker, Paul Searls, Tiffany Throckmorton, Sonya Powers, Phillip Harms, David Adams, Loyal Stierlen, Kirk Goodwin, Gordon Brown. **Third Row:** Peter Liu, Craig Weltha, Tom McConnell, Mike Fanning, Robert Yoerger, Dave Clemow, Steve Dreyer, Shannon McCoy, Brian Jarnagin, Jenny Dolphin, Dave Pady.

Marching Band works out maneuvers



Marching band season began with a boom and a crash as new patterns and complicated maneuvers challenged the players. "We did a lot more intricate movements early in the season," commented junior Pat Kearney.

Because of the difficult marching techniques, squad leaders played an important role. Sophomore Karin Silet said, "My squad leader helped us a lot at the beginning of the season by explaining the charts and maneuvers."

"One thing that helped put the shows together was that the sophomores seemed to know what they were doing," senior squad leader Gordon Brown said.

The season marched on and movements became less difficult as members conquered the challenges they faced. "All the work we did was worth the struggle when the shows came out well," sophomore Mike Ripp commented. Senior officer Mark Hanson added, "Everyone put a lot of effort into each show; we worked as a unit and that made us impressive."

"People in band cared about the shows," senior Jeni Rieck said. "Our style, strong leadership, and organization allowed us to take charge of the field at the half-times and show the crowds what we were made of: leaders."



Woodwinds



Back Row: Steve Fehr, Kent Benson, Jonathan Zaentz, Jeff Pfeifle, Mark Jamagin, Mike Hinders, Mike Ripp, Craig Stroup, Eric Stone.

WOODWINDS. Front Row: J.J. Kaufman, Erica Fuchs, Lisa Mannes, Michelle Gelina, Sandy Magoon, Teri Westphal, Sara Gunnerson, Mindy Krotz, Miya Sioson, Stephanie White. **Second Row:** Karen Risch, Julie Flemmer, Michelle Christianson, Debbie Dry, Linda Lund, Suzie Merideth, Jamie Folkmann,

Sonia DeLuca, Maggie Lewis, Kathy Lynott, Lisa Hallberg, Karin Silet. **Third Row:** Maria Ford, Emily Schaefer, Abby Sage, Melanie Dake, Rachel Ulrichson, Janelle Bunde, Jane Shaffer, Susan Smithson, Laura Bush, Nancy Herriot, Linda Graver. **Fourth Row:** Cheryl Jacobson, Mary Ellen Fanning, Tammy O'Neal, Jenny Ferris, Leslie Wilson, Kristin Switz, Lois MacVey, Kristin Tondra, Katherine Middleton. **Fifth Row:** Jim Walhof, Paul Clem, Peter Groeneveld, Ingrid Ewing, Kristen Reynolds, Tami Cott, Jenny Netusil. **Sixth Row:** Jean Benson, Tracy Frank, Tim Comstock, Doug Lastine, Dean Bridges. **Seventh Row:** Janet Wisner, Lisa Davis, Rachel Wilt, Tony Harris, Brenda Plakans.



Music groups help raise school spirit

"Eat 'em up, eat 'em up, AHS!" Cheers had always been an important part of school spirit. Besides cheerleaders, musical groups played an important part in boosting spirit at pep assemblies and sporting events.

A small group called the "pep combo" helped rally spirit at assemblies. "The pep combo added class to the pep assemblies," senior Craig Stroup said. "Musical cheers pleased the crowds and let everyone get involved."

At basketball games, the pep band worked with cheerleaders to fire-up the fans. "The pep band was probably the best musical organization for school spirit we had," junior pep band member Nathan Nyvall commented.

The drum corp provided entertainment between games. "We worked hard to put together shows that got the crowds to cheer," said senior Dave Swift.

"Marching band was really fun for me," sophomore Karin Silet said. "It gave people a way to support the team if they were not an athlete or a cheerleader."

CONCENTRATING. Senior Bob Smithson plays tritoms during practice for the Ames Marching Drum Corps. The Drum Corps entertain crowds at parades and during sports events at A.H.S. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

RAHI RAHI Sophomore Mike Ripp, junior Nancy Herriot and sophomore Karin Silet show their school spirit by joining the pep band in a round of Loyalty at a pep assembly. (Photo by Barb Farrar)



ROOTIN' TOOTIN'. Members of the pep combo provide music at pep assemblies. Seniors Craig Stroup and Andy Miller play at an assembly to help the student body root for the home team. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

Concert Band



CONCERT BAND Front Row: Lisa Hallberg, Myra Sioson, Tami Cott, Rachel Wilt, Lisa Moore, Abby Sage, Peter Groeneveld, Kris Reynolds. **Second Row:** Michelle Gelina, Erica Fuchs, Suzie Merideth, Robbie Martin, Ingrid Ewing, Terry Westphal, Jean Benson, Jeni Rieck. **Third Row:** Mary Ellen Fanning, Nancy Herriott, Julie Orth, Jenny Evans, Karen Wilt, Brenda Plakans, Jennifer Messenger, Zachary Conger. **Fourth Row:** Susan Smithson, Tony Harris, Janet Wisner, Kathy Lynott, Linda Graver, Tracy Frank, Lois MacVey, Dave Clemow. **Fifth Row:** Karen Riesh, Laurie Herman, Jamie Folkmann, Janelle Bunde, Debbie Dry, Mark Andrews, Mark Oakland, Andy Miller, Kirk Goodwin. **Sixth Row:** Mindy Krotz, Tiffany Throckmorton, Sonya Powers, Al Laudencia, Leslie Wilson, Craig Stroup, Jim Walhof, Rich Voelker, Steve Dreyer. **Back Row:** Doug Lastine, Mark Tondra, Lisa Davis, Ros North, Shannon McCoy, Katherine Middleton, Kevin Maak, Jamey Sharp, Dave Swift, Mark Haviland, Matt Carney, Bryce Pierson, Pat Kearney, Mark Hanson. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

Varsity Band



VARSITY BAND Front Row: Shannon Connolly, Sandy Magoon, Sarah Bond, Beth Goudy, Melanie Dake, Karin Silet, Dave White, Michelle Christensen, Kristen Koch. **Second Row:** Kristen Tondra, Stephanie White, Carrie Perkovich, Lori Wunder, Maggie Lewis, Julie Flemmer, Kristen Switz, Emily Schafer. **Third Row:** Harry Laudencia, Lisa Mannes, Sonia DeLuca, Fritz Pohlenz, Sarah Gunnerson, Jenny Dolphin, Linda Lund, Mark Jarnigan, Rachel Ulrichson. **Fourth Row:** Shelley Barber, Eric O'Berry, Gretchen Schrader, Jeff Pfeifle, Eric Stone, Loyal Wilson, Phil Harms, Michelle Conlon, Eric Lunde. **Fifth Row:** Jonathan Zaentz, Michael Ripp, Cheryl Jacobsen, Dave Adams, Dean Bridges. **Sixth Row:** Jenny Ferris, Nathan Nyvall, Julius Pohlenz, Michael Fanning, Kevin Wobig, Sandy Collins. **Back Row:** Jerry Schrag, Robert Yoerger, Scott Moore, Kent Benson, Rob Gray, Craig Weltha, Dave Pady. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

Opportunities open to band

After the marching season ended, members were placed, according to their skills, in either the Concert or Varsity Bands.

In addition to those two bands, some also chose to be a part of Jazz band, Dixieland band, and honor bands.

Both the jazz and dixieland bands performed at various places in town, instead of holding concerts at the school. "I liked being a part of a small group like the dixieland band. We got to play a really different style of music," commented senior Kristen Reynolds.

Honor bands were held around the state at different colleges and universities. Students had to submit applications and/or audition to be a part of these groups. Senior Tracy Frank said, "I liked being able to participate in these (honor) bands, because they gave me a chance to play with really good musicians."

Like many other organizations, the band got a chance to travel. In April the entire band toured Kansas City for three days. They played for several Kansas City area high schools, as well as sightseeing, visiting Worlds of Fun, and shopping.

Band gave students a chance to be in many groups or just a few. Band director Homer Gartz concluded, "I think it's important that the students have an opportunity to play with several different bands. It helps them grow musically."





FIRST CHAIR. Playing his tuba at the Varsity Band winter concert is junior Nathan Nyvall. Nyvall held the position of first chair for the entire year. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)

DOING HIS PART. Publicity is an important part of any activity, and is often organized by students. Senior Mark Hanson contributes to bands' publicity with this poster. (Photo by Vel Randic)



Several groups show unique blend of academics, activities

Defining what was a class and what was an organization often created a problem, since many groups were also considered classes.

"Choir was structured learning because we went every day," junior Jim Bernard said. "But we had concerts, too, and there weren't any tests. It had all the advantages of a class and none of the disadvantages."

DECA also drew a fine line between being a class and being an activity. Class time was valuable for resolving problems at work and getting feedback. Senior Stacy Satterberg, who worked at Target, said, "If one of us was having a problem dealing with customers, it's nice to know that someone else was too."

The concert and varsity bands met a specific period of the day to rehearse for upcoming concerts. These classes, however, were counted as an activity credits. Members were required to take lessons once a week, but were offered such extras as, the band tour, picnics, breakfasts, band camps and participating in honor bands.

While the choreographers went to Minneapolis, *WEB* staffers journeyed to the Ames Tribune two to three times a week to set copy. "It was fun because we got to do stuff- we weren't stuck behind a desk like in a traditional class," senior Dan Emmerson said. Staff member Nancy Ostendorf agreed. "The *WEB* was student-run. It didn't have that 'teacher-classroomy' feeling, and that was nice."

SHARING IDEAS. Dancers and choreographers rehearsed Sunday afternoons to produce Terpsichore. Seniors Christina Baratta and Susan Thompson, and junior Lisa Mannes worked together on the show. (Photo by Vel Randic)

ANOTHER MISTAKE *WEB* gives senior Jeff Fetters hands-on journalism experience. Jeff served as associate editor during the spring semester. (Photo by Barb Farrar)



Flag Corps



FLAG CORPS. Front Row: Cathlin Sickles, Kelly Cunningham, Michelle Conlon, Kara Sjoblom, Cristie Dunn, Kim Bowman, Shannon Connolly, Steph Hanson. Second Row: Sandra Herrera, Jenny Evans, Erika Prochaska, Lara Hill, Tina Edwards, Jamie Morrow, Kris Latuska, Jenny Vermeer. Third Row: Georgia Carlson, Ann Collins, Michelle Gelina, Sue

Baton Corps



Ann Godringer, Donna Rowe, Jill Peterson, Traci Taylor. Back Row: Sandy Collins, Carie Perkovitch. **BATON TWIRLERS.** Front Row: Karen Handy, Karen Christenson, Julie Orth, Robbie Martin, Kris Berhow, Martha Roland, Heather Clapp.

Diversity makes corps shows spectacular

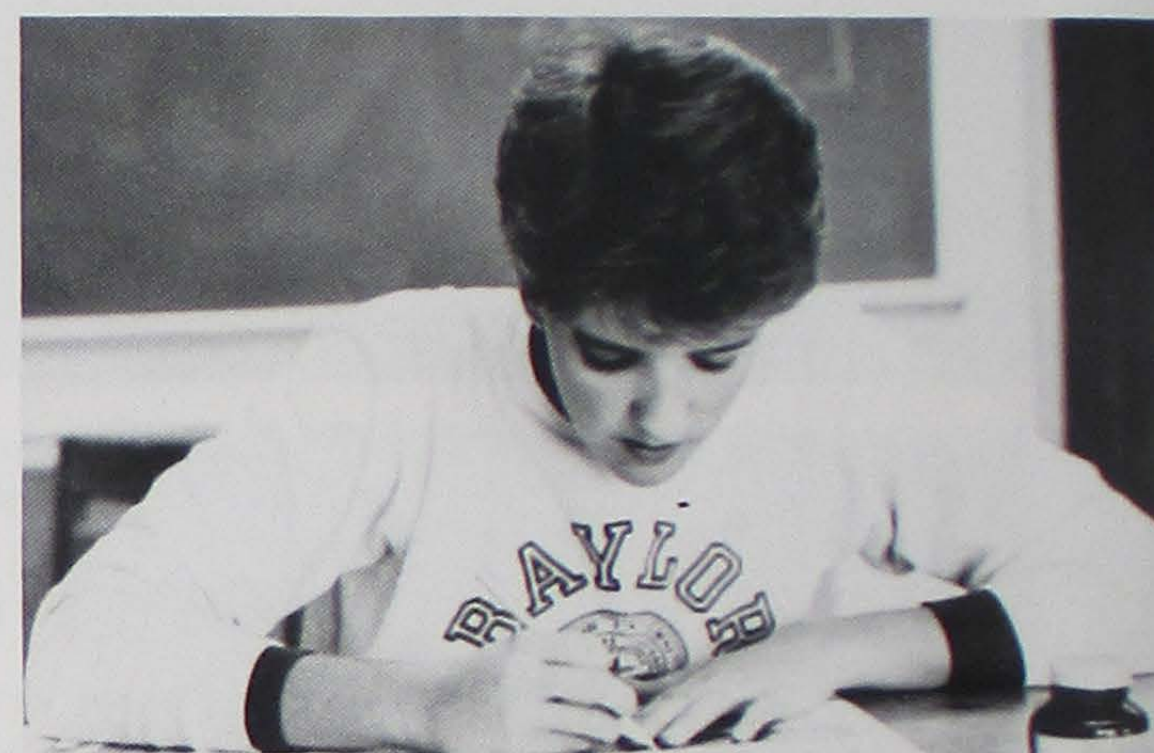
A love of performing and being around people lured many students into the flag or baton corps. Both groups added diversity to the marching band routines and contributed to spectacular performances.

"We did a lot more intricate maneuvers this year, partly because the poles were two feet shorter and easier to handle," said junior Brecca Popelka.

The flag corps sported new costumes of black walking shorts and white oxford shirts, which were greeted with general approval. "They were a big improvement over last year's," remarked junior Jenny Evans.

The baton corps didn't have new costumes, but they did have a change from previous years. Sophomore Robbie Martin was the first male baton twirler since the early 1950's, and felt he had to thank the other twirlers for their support. "They were really great about it."

Flag corps member Brecca Popelka summed up by saying, "It was really neat to be involved and to be able to show school spirit. I encourage others to join."



SETTING THINGS STRAIGHT. As **WEB** staffer during her senior year, one of Lisa Lemanczyk's duties as sports page editor was pasting-up spreads. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

CLOWING AROUND. During a rehearsal for "The Warrior's Husband," senior John Lee and sophomore Kirk Goodwin parody their roles as reticent Amazon men. Junior Sara Sweeney, an Amazon counselor, laughs at their antics. (Photo by Vel Randic)



WHO DOES WHAT? Being a **SPiRiT** photographer required shooting and print-making skills. Juniors Erin Andersen and Amy Bleyle go over the latest photo assignments. (Photo by Vel Randic)

Skills, time are necessary

To some students, just being present in body was all that was necessary to be a member of an organization, but they soon discovered otherwise. They found out there were specific, unwritten skills and qualities which they were expected to bring to the organization.

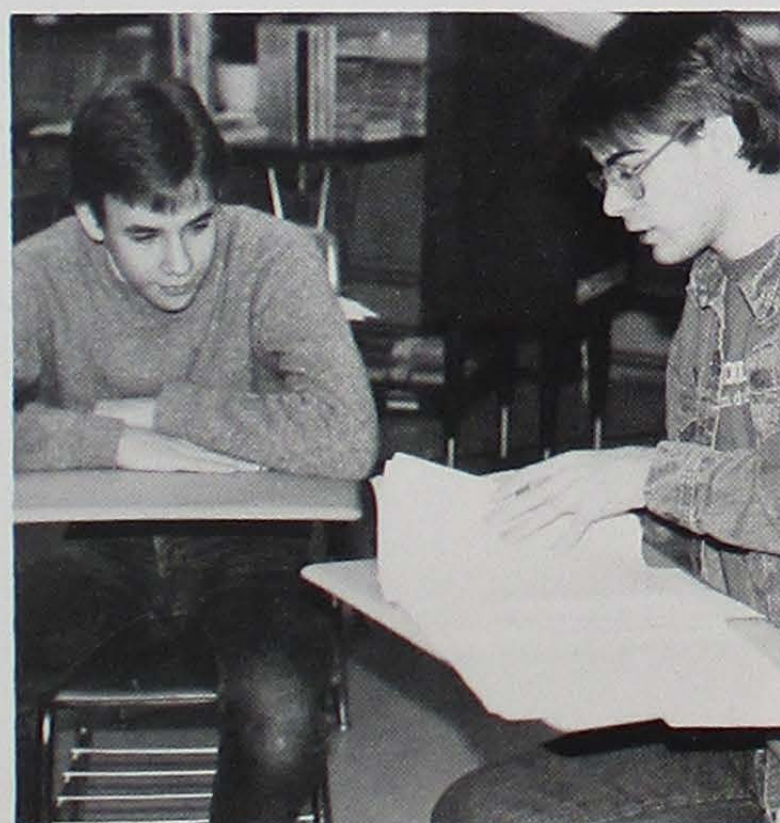
Senior Karen Christenson, a baton twirler, found that a dance background and balance became increasingly important as the group increased the difficulty and complexity of its routines. "Each year we learned something new and tried to use it next year," she explained. "Someone who was uncoordinated limited the entire group."

Often it wasn't skills that were emphasized, but the amount of time and commitment necessary. According to senior Julie Ford, president of the Thespians, "The major requirement for Thespians was dedication. You didn't have to be an actor, but you did have to put in at least 50 hours of work per production."

Many times students didn't even realize what was needed from them until they had participated in an organization for a while. Senior **WEB** sports reporter, John Erickson, said "I hadn't realized how much work went into a newspaper. I learned things, like type-setting and paste-up, that I never had had in Intro (to Journalism)."

While many skills were acquired through membership, many groups required specific talents before a student could join. The marching band held a workshop one week before school started in the fall, to brush up. Junior Michelle Gelina commented, "We picked up things we had forgotten over the summer. It was hot and tiring, but worth it. It helped us get ready for our first game."

Dedication and natural talent worked hand-in-hand to help create a successful organization. Erickson concluded, "Without full involvement, you were just wasting your time."



WORKING IT OUT. During a Scratch Pad meeting, sophomore Peter Groeneveld and senior David Dearin discuss several submissions. To be on Scratch Pad it was important to be able to write and proofread. (Photo by Amy Bleyle)

AT ATTENTION. During a halftime show, senior Katharine Middleton awaits a downbeat. Marching band forced members to be able to march in formation as well as play. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

Choir: Sopranos



SOPRANOS. Front Row: Co-President Susan Thompson, Nancy Gamon, Kim Daywitt, Ann Yates, Tara Wendal, Amy Bleyle, Diane Bortz. **Back Row:** Inger Osterberg, Carrie Perkovich, Laura Millsapps, Lisa Mannes, Nancy Herriot, Co-President Kristen Reynolds. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)

Choir: Altos



ALTOS. Front Row: Caroline Brearly, Shyla Osborne, Wendy Eckhoff, Jenny Ritts, Heather Selman, Jane Shaffer. **Back Row:** Sherri Middendorf, Heidi Mansnerus, Michelle Johnston, Sara McMechan, Janelle Hall, Leslie Stern. (Photo by Erin Andersen)

Choir lacks experience

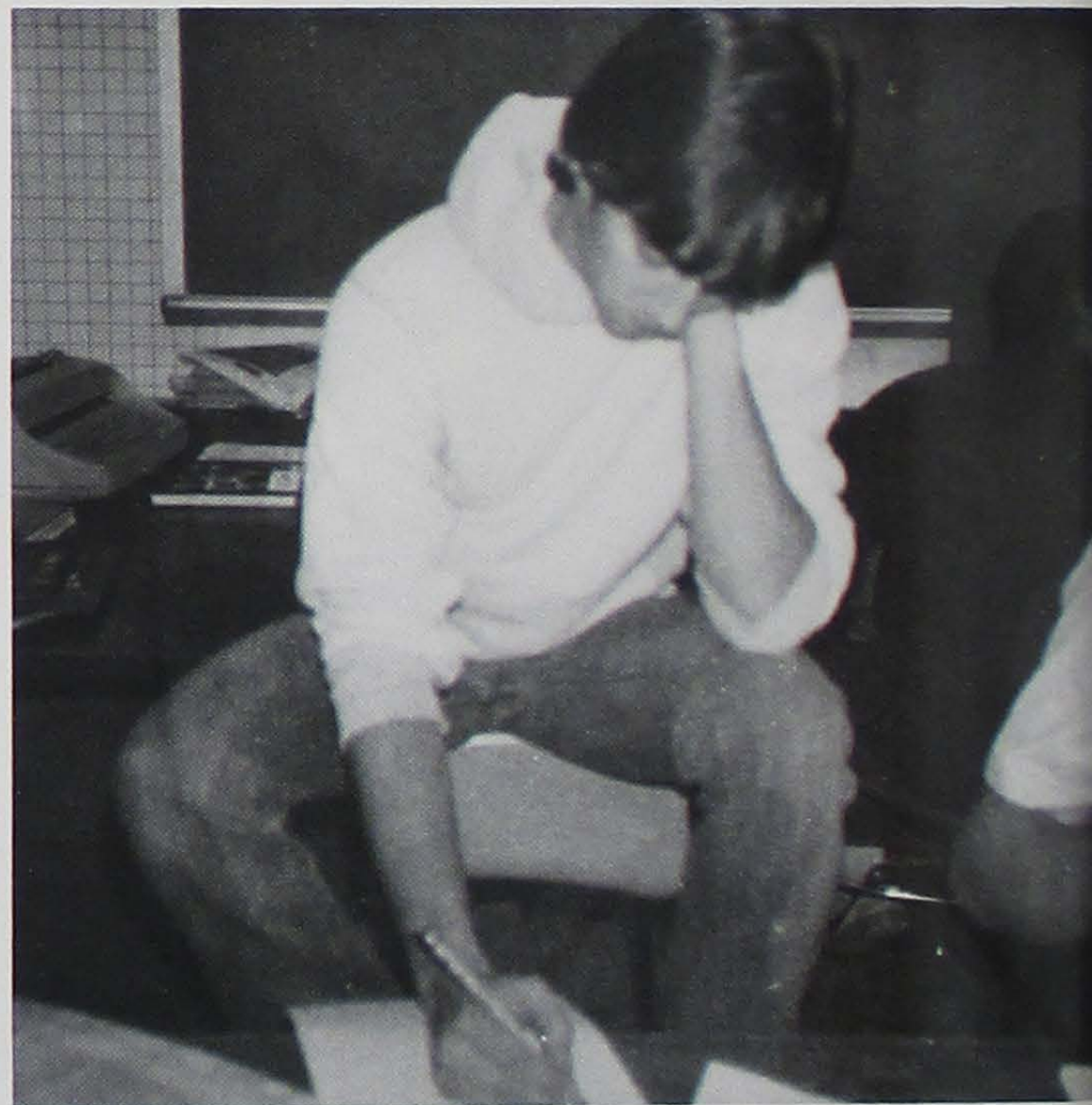
"It's kind of like a school without any administrators," said junior choir member Pat Kearney about concert choir. "We lost a lot of the seniors including the majority of officers we elected last year."

Although enrollment in choir was higher than last year, it was predominantly juniors that made up the concert choir. "Last year, the sophomore choir was the largest choir we've ever had with 99 members," said junior Jim Bernard. "I think that can account for the high number of junior members."

Another cause for the loss of seniors was scheduling. Kathy Lynott, a senior who was very active in choir for the past two years, said, "I really missed choir; I know a lot of my friends and I had big problems scheduling it."

Michelle Johnston was one of the few returning seniors that was elected as an officer. She said, "We had to rebuild. The last two years there was no swing choir and very few members in concert choir."

Johnston concluded, "I think the juniors and sophomores will really have something to look forward to once we get things off the ground again."



PERFECT POISE. Senior Melissa Goll and Sophomore Shawntawn Foley prepare for "Nutcracker" performances at dress rehearsal. Melissa was active in modern dance to help her ballet skills. (Photo by Erin Andersen)

THE THINKER. Senior Dan Emmerson works on improving his Web article on a paste-up night. Dan served as the associate editor of the newspaper during the fall. (Photo by Erin Andersen)

Choir: Tenors and Basses



TENORS AND BASSES. Front Row: David Dearin, Antena Seiler, Joe Surber, at Kearney, J.J. Kaufman. Second Row: Jason Wheelock, David White, ck Peake, Gordon Brown, Mark Yates. Back Row: Tim Hughes, Scott eanor, David Benna, Jim Walhof, Paul Searls. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)



Extra efforts uplift quality

Extra effort made all the difference in performances. Many students involved in extra-curricular activities spent time outside of school developing their talents with private lessons, tutoring, workshops and leadership conferences.

"My extra lessons really helped my growth as a musician," commented sophomore Mary Ellen Fanning. She had taken saxophone lessons at the university for several years.

Modern dance students often started their involvement with private lessons. "I've loved dancing since I was a kid, and being in modern dance is another way of expanding myself in dance," said senior Natasha Wilson.

Leadership conferences helped student council and S.A.D.D. members develop their leadership abilities. "I enjoyed meeting other leaders from around the state. They gave me a lot of ideas for ways we could improve A.H.S.," said junior Bonali Barua.

Senior Dan Emmerson said, "I think the activities here have always done well in keeping up with the times and being a cut above. Workshops and outside communications are what kept us up to those standards."

FIDDLEING AROUND. Senior Kathy Moore prepares for her violin lesson. She took private lessons to improve her performances in orchestra. (Photo by Erin Andersen)

Orchestra



ORCHESTRA. Front Row: Jenny Bradshaw, Kathy Moore, Kelley MacGillivray, Susan Reece, Sonia DeLuca, Barb McGinness, Shannon McCoy. **Back Row:** Director Richard McCoy, Steve Johnston, Steve Worringham, John Kuhl, Georgia Carlson, Kurt Alber, Mark Tondra, Alan Carlsborg.

All string orchestra

The reassessment of class priority points by the administration caused scheduling problems for prospective orchestra students. As the priority points were lowered, some students had to register later. Some couldn't schedule these classes as the later registration times entailed schedule conflicts and filled classes.

Orchestra enrollment was not hurt much as there was a large number of incoming sophomores, but the group was left virtually without woodwinds. "We're doing strictly string pieces now," said director Richard McCoy.

Another difference this year was the new emphasis on ensemble and contest work. In past years, McCoy had steered away from group and individual competition feeling that "it had a negative effect on the students." This year he wanted the students to know that "there isn't anything personal meant by it (the ratings)."

As a group, the orchestra went to see concerts by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and violinist Itzhak Pearlman. Some AHS members will continue perhaps to the professional level, while others, like Alan Carlsborg, "don't plan to go on after high school."



Students entertain audiences

Different tastes in entertainment were satisfied as teams and groups gained performing experience. Throughout the year, fans and supporters continually filled school facilities at their favorite events.

Sporting events, particularly the football and basketball games, drew large crowds, as usual. Students who weren't particularly interested in the sporting event came to socialize. "I looked forward to seeing everybody at the games when I didn't see them during the day," said junior Tracy Samson.

Half-time entertainment for the football and basketball games was provided by the marching and pep bands, respectively. The marching band, along with the flag corps and the baton twirlers, gained performing experience as their primary goal was to entertain the fans.

Off the field, the band, as well as the choir and orchestra, continued to provide their musical entertainment at concerts. "Those who came to the concerts were there because they wanted to hear the music, not usually to socialize," said junior Rachel Ulrichson.

Throughout the year, various theatrical productions also performed for interested audiences. Three plays, the senior one-acts, and the spring dance show offered more opportunities for students to entertain others or be entertained themselves. "Plays are my favorite thing to watch or be in, but I like to go to everything else, too," said sophomore Shelby Myers.

CHEERING ALONG. At a pep assembly cheersquad members senior Tom McConnell and sophomore Margy Townsend entertain the student body. As always, the cheerleaders organized pep assemblies. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)



FIDDLING AROUND. During a typical sixth period orchestra rehearsal, sophomore Barb McGinness plays her violin. Sophomores comprised over half of the orchestra. (Photo by Erik Munson.)



PLAYING AROUND. During a humorous scene in the fall play *The Warrior's Husband*, seniors Julie Ford and John Lee amuse the audience. (Photo by Vel Randic)

SINGING SOPHOMORES. Sophomore chorus members, Diana Forbes, Shantal Keigley, and Amy Horner sing during a fall music concert. Several concerts allowed the choirs to sing for the enjoyment of others. (Photo by Vel Randic)

Speech Club



SPEECH CLUB. Front Row: Jim Bernard, Jenny Bower, Mark Kernan, Anja Trebes. **Second Row:** Kristen Egeland, Andy Balinsky, Brian Sponcil, Sherri Middendorf. **Back Row:** Rowena Young, Teresa Suarez, Layth Tabatabai, Debbie Dry, Mark Tondra. (Photo by Erin Andersen) **SPEECH CLUB. Front Row:** Kathy Lynott, Shyla Osborn, Susanne Strong, Meikka Cutlip. **Second Row:** Brenda Plakans, Suzie Merideth, Lisa Schrag, Maggie Murphy, Sally

Speech Club



Lendt. **Back Row:** Katharine Middleton, Lori Wunder, Nancy Gamon, Kristen Reynolds, David Dearin, Kirsten Daddow. **Not pictured:** Susan Thompson, Ben Schafer, Chris Okiishi, Pat Kearney, Jeff Fetters, Abby Sage, Sarah Sweeney, Madhu Dahiya, Chris Fuqua, Heather Dodd, Peter Groeneveld, Robert Yoerger, Wendy Eckhoff, Mark Hanson, Leslie Stern, Linda Grave. (Photo by Erin Andersen)

Competitions bring intimacy

"Spleen Clot (the affectionate nickname for Speech Club) — it's not just a club, it's a way of life." Senior Shyla Osborn echoed junior Sarah Sweeney's enthusiasm for Speech Club, "Everyone was so dedicated to supporting each other this year."

Positions for four new offices were created, making the club more student-oriented. From applications, club sponsor Annette Rowley appointed seniors Kristen Reynolds and David Dearin as co-presidents, and senior Rowena Young as general manager. In the past, Mrs. Rowley had been entirely responsible for organizing the club. She commented, "The new organization took a lot of stress off my back."

With over 50 students participating in group speech competition and over 20 individuals, the group was the largest ever and a majority of these students made it at least as far as state competition.

According to Osborn, some of the highlights of the season included a choral reading piece, "Reading, 'Rit-ing, and Recess", written by Reynolds, Dearin, and Young and the ensemble acting pieces, "The Still Alarm" and "The Best of Bob and Ray", both of which were invited to perform at All-State after receiving three ratings of one, and two Outstanding marks from the judges at state competition. Senior Mark Kernan concluded, "You bet we we're the best!"





SPEECH CLUB. Front Row: Brenda Plakans, Jenny Bower, Anja Trebes, Shyla Osborn, Wendy Eckoff. Second Row: Rowena Young, Andy Balinsky, David Dearin, Kristen Reynolds, Peter Groeneveld, Suzie Merideth. Not pictured: Chris Okiishi, Mike Morford, Pat Kearney, Ben Schafer, Madhu Dahiya, Leslie Stern, Sara Sweeney, Jeff Fetters, Mark Kernan. (Photo by Erin Andersen)



Making it to All-State

While many students joined organizations for fun, they also had an opportunity to participate in competitions.

This was the second year junior Erica Fuchs was in All-State Band. She said, "It was nice because I felt that we were all in the same boat." She intended to try out again next year.

In October, All-State Band and Chorus Contests were held. Although many students tried out, very few made it. Lara Hill, a junior, was able to make it into All-State Chorus even though she was unable to fit Concert Choir into her schedule. She said, "There was a lot of tension, but I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it."

Speech Club members also had to deal with tension, because their competitions often took place in front of large audiences. They couldn't appear nervous or that would have thrown off their presentations and points would be counted off. "I tried to think of it (the speech) as another practice. I concentrated very hard so I would stay calm because it was very important to be in control," commented junior Mahdu Dahiya.

DECA members went to the Regional Conferences in Bismarck, North Dakota. The conference dealt mostly with business etiquette and students competed both individually and in teams of three. Senior Brian Meeks was a member of one competing group. He said, "DECA is a good way to meet people from all over the state and country. I recommend it to everyone."

DON'T CALL US. On command, sophomores Shannah Eitter, Dave Adams and Ben Schafer read lines from the script of the spring play, "Back County Crimes," in front of other students competing for over thirty parts. (Photo by Ann Scott)



NAME THAT _____. The "AHS Match Game" was aired occasionally on Cable TV Channel Three. Senior emcee Jeff Fetters awaits the response of panelist Dan Emmerson. (Photo by Ann Scott)

RECEIVING AN AWARD. At the Individual Speech Contest, junior Leslie Stern gets congratulated for her Public Address. She also got to attend All-State with her Radio and New Announcing. (Photo by Kristen Reynolds)



AMES HIGH VOLUNTEERS. Front Row: Kim Ebbers, Ann Yates, Amy Theile, Julie Slater, Stacy Dalton, Tom Fleener, Steve Able, Troy Evans, Jamie Elleby, Mike Pell. **Second Row:** Brenda Briley, Becky Bishop, Kim Zenor, Julie Firnhaber, Kevin Walters, Mark Stokka, Jeff Ried, Kelly Dasher, Scott Applequist. **Third Row:** Becky Johnson, Lori Green, Karen Christenson, Cathy Stidwell, Kristin Smedal, Margaret Baumel, Lisa Tice, Christine Budnik, Kathy Windsor. **Back Row:** Jeanette Jordison, Eric Sailsbury, Mike Whitney, Doug Glock, John Russo, Pat McCracken. (Photo by Barb Farrar).



AMES HIGH VOLUNTEERS. Front Row: Stephanie Hanson, Karen Wilt, Becky Kemp, Karen Hunter, Nancy Taylor, Amy Healey, Richie Chieves, Tom Shakeshaft, Jeff Bundy, Susan Dyer. **Second Row:** Sarah Lawlor, Margy Townsend, Lori Wunder, Shelby Myers, Terri Jackson, Patty Huss, Julie Osweiler, Molly Craft, Marty Kiser, Michelle Tannehill, Mark Criner. **Third Row:** Dana Seehafer, Lori VanSickle, Debi Wilson, Jeff Fetters, Anja Trebes, Julie Byriel, Laura Thompson, Lois McVey, Karen Koellner, Lisa Port, Holly Westberg. **Back Row:** Diane Bortz, Jennifer Osborne, Pam Livingston, Kim Adams, Kris Cakerice, Michelle Johnston, Kim Grabau, John Russo, Doug Glock, Chad Greiman, Harry Laudencia, Tom Lichtenberg. (Photo by Barb Farrar).

Volunteers aid community

"Let's all get real cozy now," boomed Dean Dale Tramp, coordinator of the Ames High Volunteers Program. Some students, decked out in red and green, threw their arms around the nearest elderly person, while others preferred to observe. Music sheets in hand, the chorus lead everyone in "Here Comes Santa Clause" as Jolly Old Bobby Metzger appeared, complete with elves. Football players Rich Holtz, Bobby Ellis, and Mark Stokka, were the elves. Metzger greeted each senior citizen with a slap on the back and "Hey, how's it goin'? Merry Christmas!"

Everyone could find something to help with in Ames High Volunteers. According to Mr. Tramp, "Anytime you give of yourself, you're a volunteer. The extent of involvement or time spent doesn't matter."

By far the most popular was the Nursing Home Program. Students visited three homes for the elderly, once a month for pep rallies or holiday celebrations.

Other active programs included ADULT (Assisting Disabled to Utilize Leisure Time), Adopt-A-Grandparent, support groups to help others cope with everyday pressures, special education swimming, Special Olympics and community-sponsored groups such as the People Place, Youth and Shelter Services, and Open Line.

Mr. Tramp concluded, "Volunteers taught students to do something for nothing. In the future, more destitute people will need that kind of help. There were benefits both ways."



AMES HIGH VOLUNTEERS. Front Row: Susan Greiner, Tara Fatka, Jill Dashe, Susie McKlevean, Colleen Crow, Joey Phillips, Jenny Messenger, Marissa Campos, Kathy Bolinger, Sandy Keenan. **Second Row:** Donna Rowe, Claudia Cox, Maggie Murphy, Meikka Cutlip, Donna Heim, Sandee Strong, Carol Engstrom, Karen Forsling, Becky Wittmer. **Third Row:** Stephanie Carlson, Janine Grewell, Jill Hutchison, Kelly Cunningham, Melanie Craver, Margaret Habing, Kristen Egeland, Chris Sharp, Jodi Richards, Susie Coughaugh. **Back Row:** Julie Pearson, Kim Shanks, Jenny Ferris, Ana Daza, Hillar Emmerson, Misty Barnes, Deb Cruse, Jenna Anderson, Missy Bass, Denis Anderson, Kerry Nikkel, Marsha Zimbeck. (Photo by Barb Farrar).



CUDDLE UP. Sharing Christmas cheer, senior Mike Pell and his new friend sing Christmas carols at a Volunteers' party at one of the Ames centers. (Photo by Dana Seehafer).



AMES HIGH VOLUNTEERS. FRONT ROW: Amy Verhoeven, Sally Lendt, Eric O'Berry, Harry Laudencia, Dave White, Mariella VanderGaast, Kathy Knight, Sheri George, Alisa Black, Jenny Pasley. **Second Row:** Jenny Ritts, Chris Pruhs, Sherry Brown, Melody Keltner, Dawn Wetzel, Lisa Sturdivant, Jana Sturdivant, Nicole Faas, Marcia Sunstrom, Sarah Rust, Todd Rutter. **Third Row:** Bobby Thompson, Katy Magee, Cindy Arthur, Amy Konek, Cindy Jorgenson, Karen Brown, Jenny Bower, Grethe Langeland, Susan Mann, Linda Graver, Kristen Reynolds. **Fourth Row:** Sean Watt, Brian Buhman, Erica Prochaska, Sue Ann Godringer, Sandy Collins, Sarah Thomas, Rachel Ulrichson, Bonali Barua, Nancy Martins, Jennifer Edwards, Jeff Munsinger. **Fifth Row:** Jenny Netusil, Darren Milliken, Trent Powell, Kurt Hockman, Pete Archbold, Dave Stenberg, Bill Norris, Donny Erbach, Susan Huss, Jeff Bundy. **Back Row:** Elise Shibbles, Steve Austin, Ricci Moore, Jennifer Schumann, Amy Deatherage, Julie Abel, Kyla Clark,

Tracy Cummings, Bret Posegate, Bobby Metzger, William Chieves, (Photo by Barb Farrar).

AMES HIGH VOLUNTEERS. Front Row: Jeff Munsinger, Mark Kernan, Mark Grundman, Kurt Hockman, Bobby Devens, Chris Benson, Tom Hofer, Bill Norris, Susan Colwell, Anne Klufa, Debbie Dry. **Second Row:** Janet Wisner, Mark Yates, Scott Moore, Paul Gregorak, Teresa Suarez, Cheryl Jacobson, Valerie Malenchik, Amy Conolly, Angela Simmons, Chuck Arnold, Jenny Smith, Tami Kruempel. **Third Row:** Julie Flemmer, Liz Chase, Kari Stover, Carol Peterson, Michelle Conlin, Georgann Griffith, Kerrie Archbold, Brittany Wombacher, Sandra Herrera, Stephanie Rust, Beth Evans, Ann Chalstrom. **Back Row:** Kathy Betts, Nancy Klein, Christy Lang, Julie Thompson, Patty Stevens, Jenny Wengert, Jodi Longwell, Suzanne Tachibana, LuAnne Forssman, Rita Heimes, Heidi Nass. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)

Volunteers thrive at school

Prospective volunteers found many opportunities to help others. A number of students used their advanced years of foreign language study to tutor other struggling students and answer their questions over topics studied recently in class. Fourth year Spanish student, senior Andy Balinsky said, "A teacher could never help everyone on a one-to-one basis."

Some students, guided by Driver's Education instructor Mr. David Posegate, began organizing a SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) chapter at Ames High. Junior Leslie Stern explained, "It's an issue people realize is a problem. By working with elementary kids I think we can begin prevention early and help in the future, if not now."

Senior Christina Baratta, coordinator of the Senior Girls' Club which was responsible for the Christmas Formal said, "The kind of work had to be voluntary, though. People would put it off if they were forced. It was something you had to want to do."

MAKING THE ROUNDS. Nursing Home Program volunteers, like sophomore Shelby Myers, brighten Christmas of Mary Ames senior citizens. Volunteers brought little gifts, candy canes and homemade cards to the residents. (Photo by Dana Seehafer).

SPIRIT STAFF



SPIRIT SECTION EDITORS. Front Row: Lisa Huber, Devika Seecharan, Brenda Plakans. **Second Row:** Patty Huss, Karen Koellner, Susan Jons. **Back Row:** Sara Lawlor, Cathy Stidwell, Bob Cox, Chris Benson, Christine Budnik, David Dearin, Laura Millsaps. (Photo by Erin Andersen.)

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SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPHERS. Front Row: Amy Bleyle, Ann Scott, Anja Trebes. **Second Row:** Erik Munson, Erin Andersen, Amy Verhoeven. **Back Row:** Ve Randic, Dana Seehafer, Barb Farrar. (Photo by Lisa Huber)

New adviser for *SPIRIT*

They combed the Media Center daily for interviews, talked anxiously about doughnuts/staff birthdays, and called room 205 their second home. These were distinct traits of the 1984-85 *SPIRIT* staff.

The staff and yearbook changed as Neelum Chaudhry replaced Ann Akers, as the *SPIRIT* adviser.

Headed by senior co-editors Lisa Huber and Brenda Plakans, the staff concentrated their efforts on insuring the award-winning quality, traditional to the *SPIRIT*.

Dedicating out-of-class time was necessary for the yearbook to be successful. Plakans said, "Our worknights sometimes lasted until 2:30 a.m. just to meet deadlines."

Staff members attended a journalism convention at Iowa State University in October, and survived a 16-hour bus ride to Little Rock, Arkansas on Nov. 8-11 for a JEA convention.

At the conventions, members attended sessions which correlated to their positions on staff. They learned updated concepts and ideas for award-winning yearbooks.

The co-editors used the information attained at the conventions to modify details of the '84-'85 *SPIRIT*. "Special details can make or break how a book is judged," said Lisa Huber. "We have to pay a lot of attention to the graphics."

The co-editors' and staff's goal was to capture the unique aspects of the year. Senior Susan Jons said, "The chance to make sure the year is portrayed accurately is what I like best about being on staff."



SPIRIT STAFF



SPIRIT STAFFERS. Front Row: Carie Perkovich, Valerie Meiners, Margaret Baumel, Anne Klufa. Second Row: Kristen Egeland, Margy Townsend, Jenny Bower, Melinda Taschetta, Lori Peter, Carol Peterson, Jim Rougvie. Back Row: Karen Forsling, Bill Norris, Don Erbach, Tami Kruempel, Sally Lendt, Bruce Mulder, Wendy Eckhoff, Mark Yates.

A LATE BREAKFAST. While enjoying her doughnut, senior Patty Huss works on finalizing her layout. It was a staff tradition to bring doughnuts on staffers' birthdays. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)



School and activities conflict

Whether their interests were speech, music, journalism, or school leadership, students of all interests found activities to be involved in. However, these activities required a lot of time from their schedules.

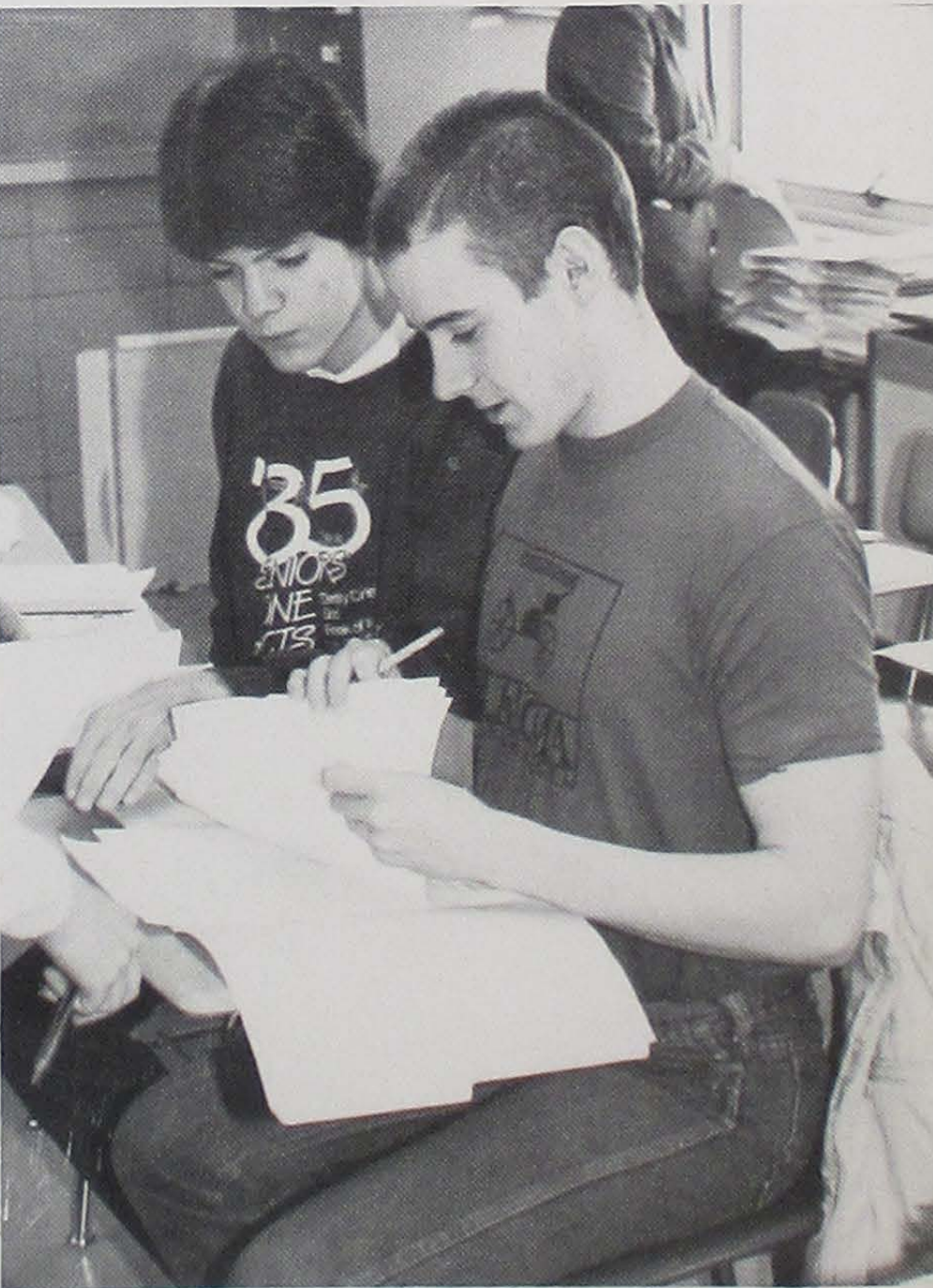
Students participating in many activities often found themselves staying up late to finish assignments, or they didn't get them completed. Senior Shyla Osborn, terpsichore choreographer and Speech Club member, said, "It sometimes depends on your own priorities. When I'm in an activity, I stay committed to it. It's usually my homework that suffers."

Some activities, including DECA, eliminated the amount of class time a senior had, therefore completing homework wasn't a problem. Senior DECA member Laurie Lutz said, "I was only at school the first periods of the day, so I had plenty of extra time to finish assignments."

According to students, their homework only suffered from activities during specifically busy times. Second semester student council tri-president and SPIRIT member, senior Jenny Bower explained, "Student Council committees eliminate a lot of work that we (tri-presidents) would have during normal weeks. But, it's at certain times, like during Welfare Week or SPIRIT

deadlines, when things get really hectic. I have to forget about schoolwork and concentrate on the activity."

Those who were involved in activities had to stay organized in order to finish homework. "I try to sit down and complete all my assignments at once," junior Leslie Stern said, "I also use a word processor. It cuts down my homework time by fifty-per cent."



CHOOSING THE RIGHT PICTURE. Discussing a contact sheet, senior co-editor Brenda Plakans asks senior Dana Seehafer for advice on which negative to have printed. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

ORGANIZING STUDENTS' WORKS. Leafing through entries, senior Shannon McCoy and junior Brian Sponcil start to organize the '84-'85 *Scratch Pad*. The *Scratch Pad* was a published collection of student-written poetry and literature. (Photo by Amy Bleyle.)

First Semester Web Staff



WEB STAFF. Front Row: Dan Emmerson, Ann Yates, Alissa Kaplan. **Second Row:** Jenny Bower, Nancy Ostendorf, Lisa Lemanczyk. **Back Row:** Geoff Underwood, Brad Shaw, Teresa Suarez, Karen Christenson, Susan Colwell, Julie Slater, and Nancy Taylor. **Not Pictured:** Mike Pell and Marty Kiser. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)

Second Semester Web Staff



WEB STAFF. Front Row: Alissa Kaplan, Jeff Fetters. **Second Row:** Lisa Huber, Mark Hanson, Larry Genalo, Sally Lendt, Todd Senne, Jerry Hill. **Back Row:** Amy Healy, Blaine Moats, Kara Sjoblom, Nancy Gamon, Craig Stroup, John Erickson, and Rob Kahler.

Publication experience

Students who wanted more experience in writing and journalism were offered publication opportunities on the *Scratch Pad* and *Web* staffs.

Students who liked to write poems, draw, or do creative writing submitted work to the literary publication, the *Scratch Pad*.

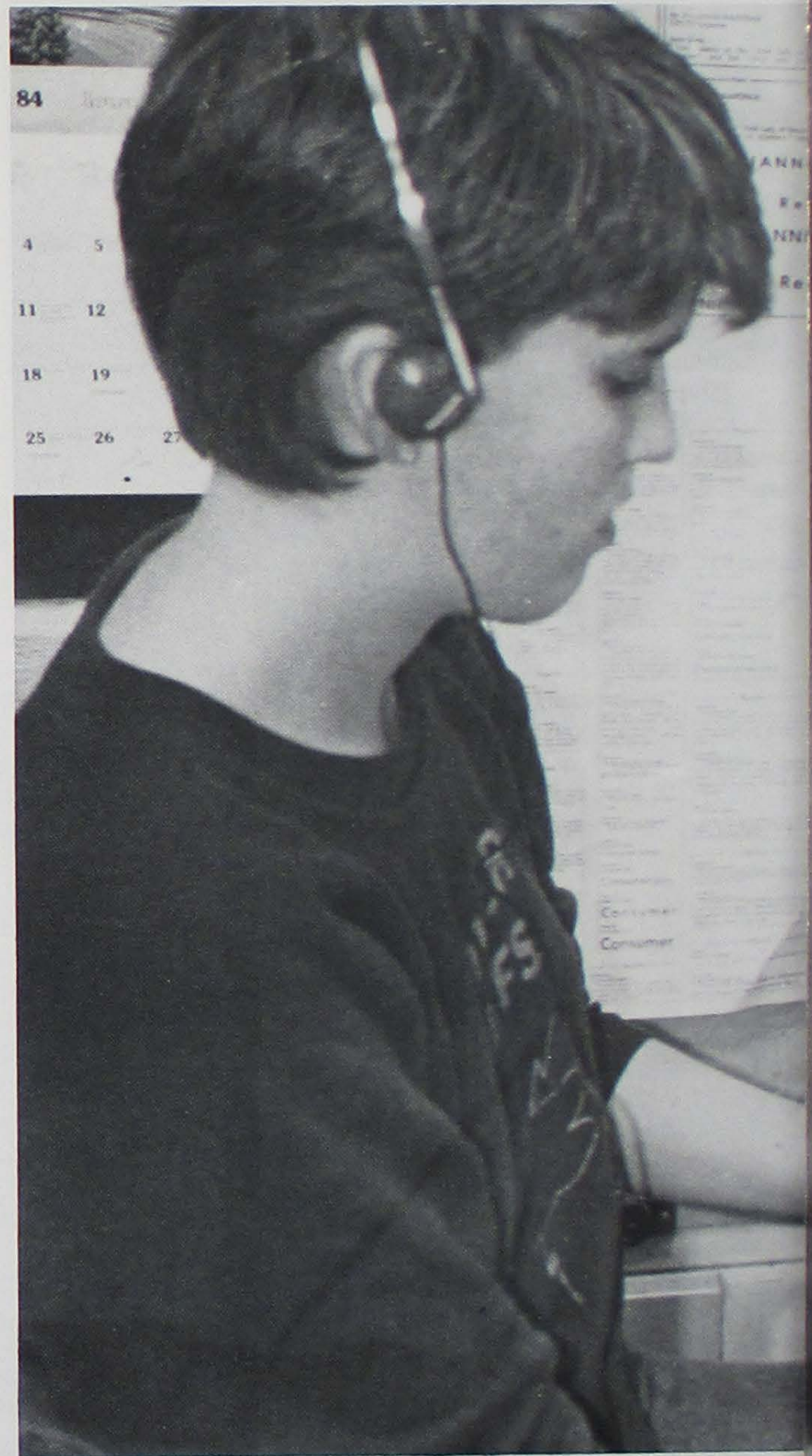
The works were chosen by a board of nine students, three from each grade. The two co-editors, seniors David Dearn and Shannon McCoy, and adviser LoAnn Cambell headed the group.

While the *Scratch Pad* dealt with creative writing, students also got a taste of print journalism by working on the *Web*.

The *Web* was published every other week and contained news stories, features, and reviews.

New adviser, Neelum Chaudhry, brought several changes to the publication. These included a new logo, designed by senior Kris Hoepner, and regular columns by seniors Dan Emmerson, and Jerry Hill.

Emmerson commented, "I think the *Web* has made changes for the better and has started a new standard of quality."



HARD AT WORK. While listening to her Walkman, senior Lisa Lemanczyk typesets a story for the *Web*. (Photo by Erin Anderson.)



SCRATCH PAD. Front Row: Kim Dykema, Karen Wilt, Teresa Faden, Peter Groeneveld. Back Row: Brian Sponcil, Jenny Dolphin, Kristin Switz, Adviser LoAnn Cambell, David Dearin, Nina Leacock, and Shannon McCoy. Not Pictured: Sara McMechan. (Photo by Amy Bleyle.)



Pursuing career opportunities

Choosing a career path was a major decision. Business, journalism and teaching were just a few of the possibilities. Some students started their career search early by joining organizations.

Eleven of the 15 second semester *Web* staff members were interested in a career in journalism. Students were presented with the normal newspaper responsibilities of deadlines, research and interviews. Senior Mark Hanson said, "I'm interested in current events. I love the media and the irregularity of journalism; it's never the same."

Another aspect of journalism was broadcasting. AHS Update was a student produced and directed T.V. show. Sophomore Terri Jackson commented "I'm interested in a career in journalism because it inspires creativity in my life."

Students obtained job experience working at area businesses through DECA. Participants competed in the area conference February 6 and the state conference March 11 and 12.

Posegate commented "Business really interests me. DECA helps prepare you with the many aspects of the business world."

Working in small groups, reading to children, and talking with teachers were all things that three seniors did as a part of the Cadet Teaching Work Experience Program, Adviser Rose Wilcox said, "By being a cadet teacher students acquire the ability to work

with kids and an assurance of whether they're really interested in teaching."

By exploring their options students were better able to decide on a career. Students read stories to 6th graders, broadcasted the news, sold merchandise at the Sports Page, and wrote for the *Web*. Their involvement with these and other activities was the key that opened the door to their future careers.

DECISIONS DECISIONS. Members of *Scratch Pad* discuss a poem and decide if it should be published in the publication. (Photo by Vel Randic.)

PASTING UP. Seniors Nancy Ostendorf, Dan Emerson and Alissa Kaplan of the *Web* staff, are hard at work pasting up a page for an upcoming deadline. (Photo by Dana Seehafer.)



SIT AND SPIN. During a school dance, junior Eric O'Berry shows off his dance moves. Break dancing was popular with many students. (Photo by Vel Randic)





It wasn't as if we didn't have enough things to do. But, even after track practice, speech club rehearsal, work and biology labs, we continued to excel in our hobbies. These activities included everything from plane piloting and horseback riding, to lacrosse and tae kwon do.

We worked hard at these hobbies and often earned membership to various clubs at Iowa State University. Seniors Dave Sprague and Steve Rhoades joined the ISU lacrosse team, while junior Pat McCracken was a member of the ISU kayaking team.

While some of us joined clubs, others created their own. Junior Kara Sjoblom had members from Germany and Australia in the Beach Boys Fan Club she organized. She also began to plan a Beach Boys convention in the summer.

Many of us made their marks through individual work. Senior John Lee wrote his own play, "Freak of Nature," and directed it for the Senior One-Acts. Card tricks were senior Brian Meeks specialty, and he was often seen demonstrating his talents at several sporting events.

While reading about the hobbies of other students, try to answer the trivia questions concerning the school, and then check the answers in the index.

Whether it was flying a balloon or playing hockey, our cultivation of our talents made our hobbies A Cut Above

a cut above **EXECUTIVE OUTS**



Missy Wershay

Missy Wershay loved being high; in a balloon that is. Missy started ballooning when she was eleven. "I love the feeling I get when we take off. It's like the earth is moving away and we are standing still watching it leave," said Missy. Her father was sponsored by Miller Beer. They have made it to the National Finalist Competition in Indianapolis five years. "Ballooning competition is tough, but it's always a lot of fun because of the neat people involved that I meet," Missy said. Missy was only a matter of ballooning hours from her student ballooning license. In the future she plans to get a commercial license and buy a balloon of her own.



"I know the competition will be very tough, but I will try my hardest and do my best," said senior Susan Thompson about her aspiration to be a Broadway actress. Last summer, she got one step further towards her goal. Susan went to Tarkio, Missouri to participate in professional summer stock at the Mule Barn Theater. Susan performed in "Camelot," "Cabaret," and "South Pacific." "I like being in Cabaret the most but I got kind of tired of 'South Pacific' because I was already in it at school," Susan said. To get into the theater, Susan went to one big audition in Omaha, Nebraska and was called back. "I went to the audition just for the experience, but I got called back and was given a chance to perform with the company." Not only did Susan polish her skills, but she learned that the theater is not as easy as it seems. "I learned how to be independent since I had no one there to take care of me."

Susan Thompson
Susan Thompson



Ann Yates

Roller skating was not a way of life for most, but Ann Yates made it a part of hers. Ann had skated for eight years, competing for only the last six. She was experienced in both freestyle and dance skating. Three years in a row, Ann and her partner, Roger Tuhn, placed fifth at the regional meet. Skating halted for Ann when her partner moved away. "As far as dance skating is concerned, I had no choice but to quit. There were no other men in the club that could skate at our level of dance," Ann said. Though Ann hadn't skated since last season, she had plans for continuing. "I do plan on returning to skating, in hopes of training as a judge or to be a pro."

Scholarly Salute

Answers in index

- A**cademics: How many National Merit Scholarship achievers did we have?
- G**ames: What was the football team's season record?
- F**aces: What teacher had been teaching at Ames High for the longest time?
- S**tructure: How many "rear ends" can fit on the rail?
- G**roups: What was the name of the other school newspaper written and published by students on their own? -
- R**ules: How many tardies did the administration allow students before assigning restricted study hall?



Assistant Principal William Ripp

Dingy announcements. They were a highlight of every day. They stalled class and broke up the boredom for a moment or two. That familiar tone of bells was humorous to some students and detested by others. "The bells came with the job of Associate Principal," said Bill Ripp Associate Principal. "It has taken me years of practice to master the task of playing these four notes." He had never taken lessons. "I play by ear. No, really I play by hand." He had a set at home on which he practiced. "My favorite song is the Minute Waltz. Since I only have four notes I can play it in thirty seconds." Stealing Mr. Ripp's bells was a popular prank. "Where my bells are hidden is one of the school administration's deep secrets."



Chris Hill

First there were Cabbage Patch Dolls. Then Trivial Pursuit swept the nation. After that the public demanded more. What satisfied these people? Ghostbusters! The title song to the movie proved so catchy that it prompted others to write satirical songs about it, such as Cropdusters and Hawkbusters. Senior Lisa Lemanczyk said, "It's funny to listen to the dumb words they came up with." Another popular item to come from the movie were T-shirts with the Ghostbuster logo. "I bought the shirt to be funny," said senior Chris Hill. Even though the movie was a big success, for some people the products weren't. Junior Rachel Ulrichson said, "I thought all those things got really out of hand. I got tired of seeing Ghostbusters everywhere I went."

Scholarly Salute

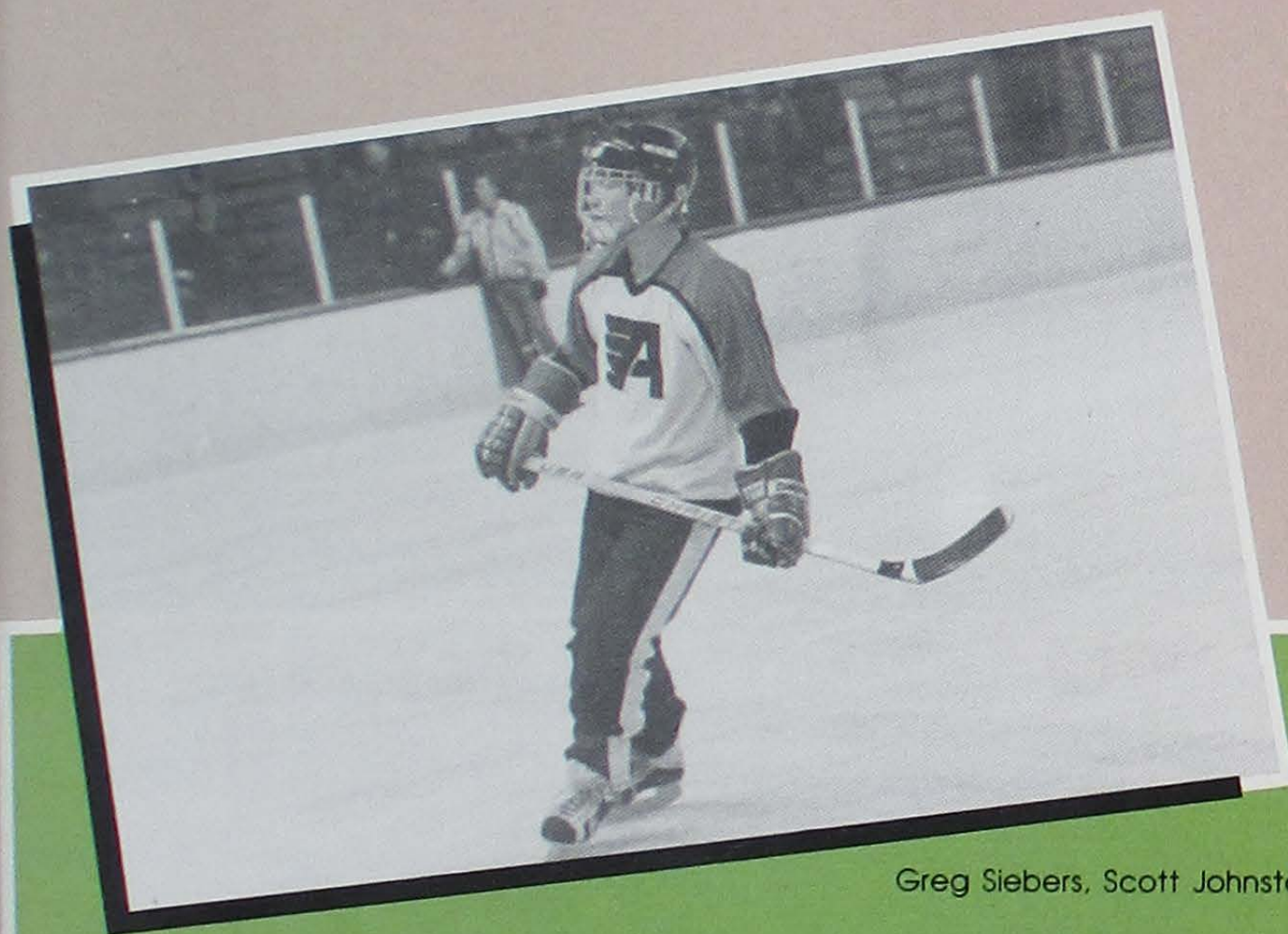
- A**cademics: What foreign languages were offered to students?
- G**ames: Who was the girls golf coach?
- F**aces: What was the name of Mr. Ripp's secretary?
- S**tructure: How many auto mech garage doors did the industrial arts wing have.
- G**roups: What was the name of the school newspaper put out by Applied Journalism class?
- R**ules: What time did homeroom start on Wednesdays?

Answers in index



Sandra Harera

"Sure, we grow lots of marijuana, but you smoke it; I laugh at you," said senior Sandra Herrera. Sandra was an exchange student from Columbia, South America. She was teased a lot about her country because of their famed marijuana production. She was glad she chose to come to Ames, Iowa, instead of the East Coast, like many of her friends. "My friends laughed when I told them I chose Ames. This is what I wanted though; I made the decision myself." She noted how different our parties were from theirs. When they partied they played tropical music and danced from 9p.m. to 3a.m. (the boys always ask the girls to dance.) "You have so many different things to experience here in Ames and at Ames High. It is nice here."



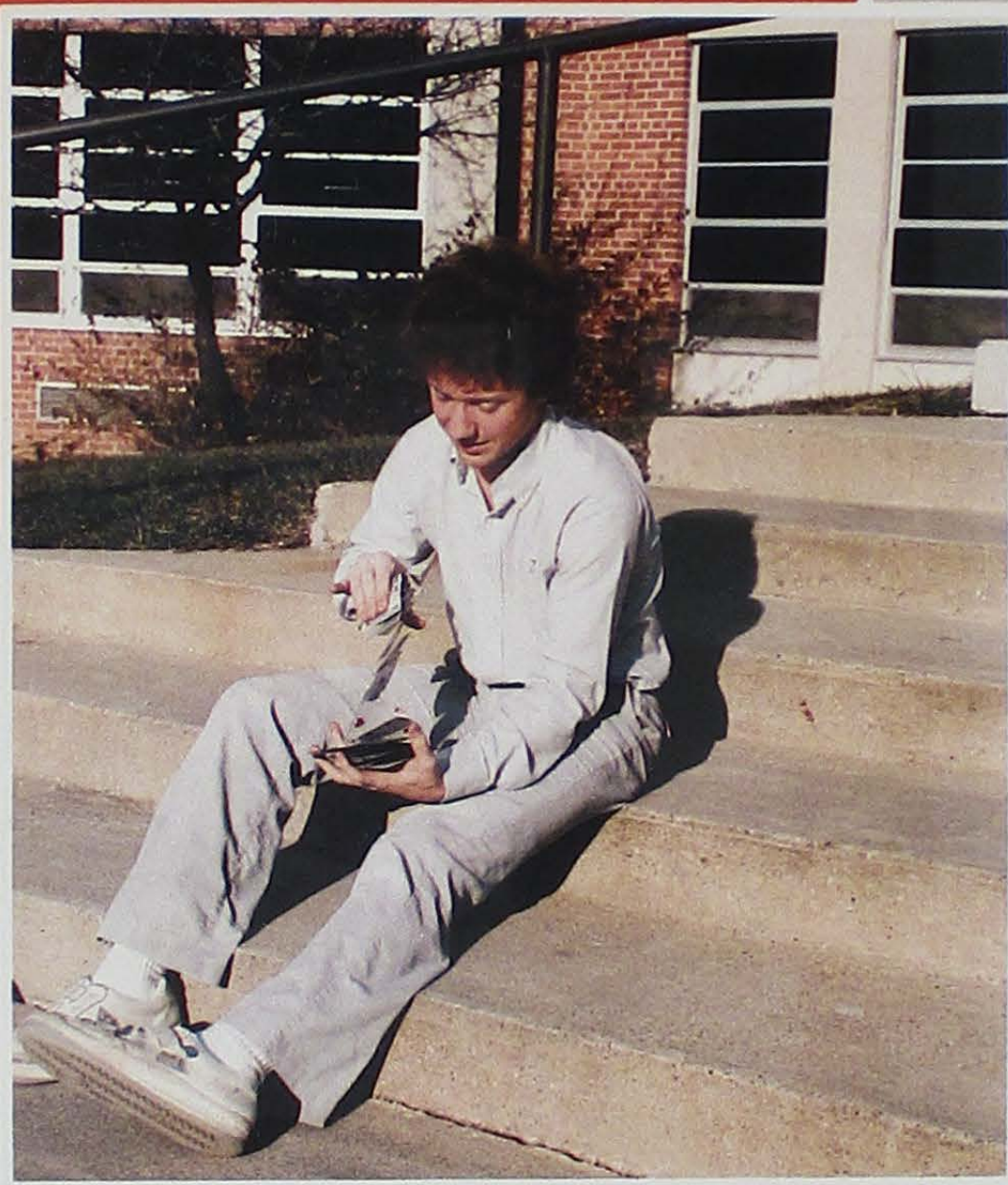
Greg Siebers, Scott Johnston

Greg Sieber from Harbor City, California and Scot Johnston from San Fernando Valley, California, both juniors, attended Ames High. They moved to Ames to play on the Ames High Hockey Club. Both agreed that Ames had better schooling and greater competition in hockey. "People are really friendly out here. I was surprised how good the hockey is and it's not even school sponsored," said Greg. Scott and Greg played for the same team at the Marina City Hockey Club in California. Scot said, "I want a scholarship to play college hockey and the competition is better here than in California." The two admitted that playing on a good hockey team was great but it didn't beat the beaches of the Pacific coast.



Senior Brian Meeks could be seen in the halls doing nifty card tricks. Brian had been doing card tricks for 3 to 4 years and learned several new ones this year. Brian said, "I taught myself a lot of card tricks and I watched magicians perform them. I also learned a few from various books." One of his favorites was the Escalator in which he made a stairwell of cards. Junior Doug Glock said, "Brian is really good at his magic tricks. I want him to teach me a couple." "I will try to keep up with my card tricks, but in college I probably won't have time," Brian added. In conclusion Brian said, "It's good to have learned these tricks because I might have to use this for a source of income."

Brian Meeks



Pat McCracken



Getting up a creek with a paddle was what junior Pat McCracken did for fun and adventure. Pat had about three years of kayaking experience before he joined the Iowa State University Kayaking Team. The team practiced every Saturday morning in the ISU State Gym pool. "It gets like a crash derby in that small pool when everyone's there." He has kayaked Taylor Falls, Minnesota, rivers in North Carolina, and many other rivers. "Kayaking really isn't as dangerous as most people think. If you turn over, you just flip back up, and if you bump your head on the bottom, it's no big deal because of your crash helmet," he said. Pat planned to keep kayaking and get into competition.

Scholarly Salute

- A**cademics: How many class periods per week were students required to take?
- G**ames: What other Metro team had the colors black and orange?
- F**aces: Who took the senior rail the first time at the beginning of the year?
- S**tructure: What two colors were the walls in the lobby?
- G**roups: Who were the first semester Student Council co-presidents?
- R**ules: How many "heat days" did we have?

Answers in index



Achih Chen

Picture yourself bicycling 25 miles up and down hills, over flat land, on a hot summer day with the wind in your face. This is just what junior Achih Chen experienced when he rode one leg of a 75 mile bike race in the Big Creek Triathlon last summer. To prepare himself for that race, Achih bicycled 25 miles a day for two weeks. Achih's interest in bicycling began when he got a job at Transition Cyclery in ninth grade. At that time he began to train with the Raleigh team. "Right now I'm unattached, I don't belong to a team, but next summer I'd like to be on the Nims team," Achih said. What's the hardest thing about bike racing? The vigorous training? Gust-ing winds blowing in your face? Achih said, "The har-dest part of bike racing is shaving your legs."

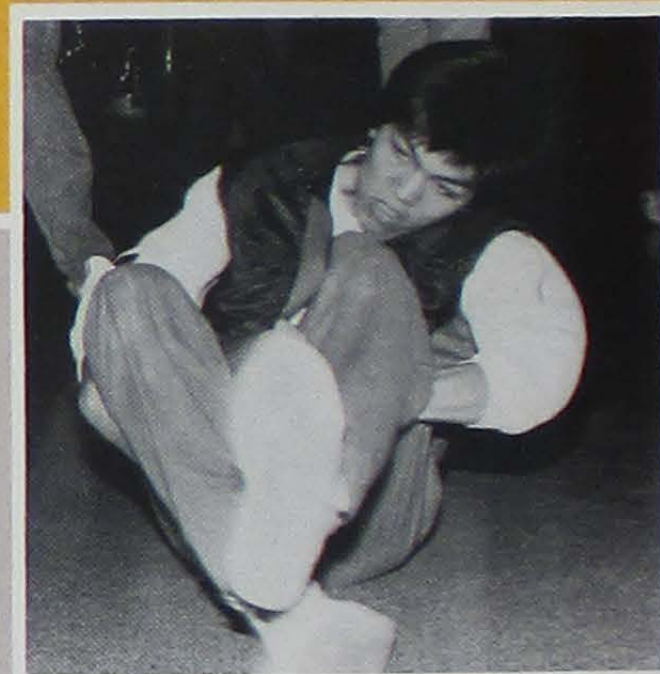


Chris McKelvey

Senior Chris McKelvey was an artist whose cartoons appeared in the Web and the Ames Tribune. Chris said, "My big boost came when Art teacher Dorothy Gugel told me to show my cartoons to a local paper. Before I showed them to the Tribune, I was just messing around and not taking my cartoons seriously." Chris's cartoons were mainly based on political issues. "My goals for right now are to develop my own style and to branch my cartoons to other Iowa papers. I have no definite plans to continue cartooning as a career," he said.



Break out! Break dancing was a popular dance trend among teenagers and as usual Ames students didn't miss out. Break dancing, or breakin', was a freestyle form of dance in which jumps, spins, twists and contortions are performed solo, in partners, or in groups. The music usually associated with breakin' was reggae, rap or urban contemporary, a sort of synthesized bop. Students did break dancing at school dances, parties and occasionally in the halls or the parking lot. Senior Al Laudencia and juniors Josh Lohr and Harry Laudencia, among others, did some break dancing competition in parks, bars and malls as far away as Chicago. They often won cash and prizes for their performances.



Scholarly Salute

- A**cademics: What were the two portable classrooms used for?
- G**ames: Who was the heaviest football player on the team?
- F**aces: What was Mr. Lunch's real name?
- S**tructure: What was the difference between tornado and fire alarms.
- G**roups: What did the group of girls who assisted the wrestling team call themselves?
- R**ules: How much passing time between classes were students allotted?
Answers in index

Eric O'Berry



Harry Laudencia

Al Laudencia

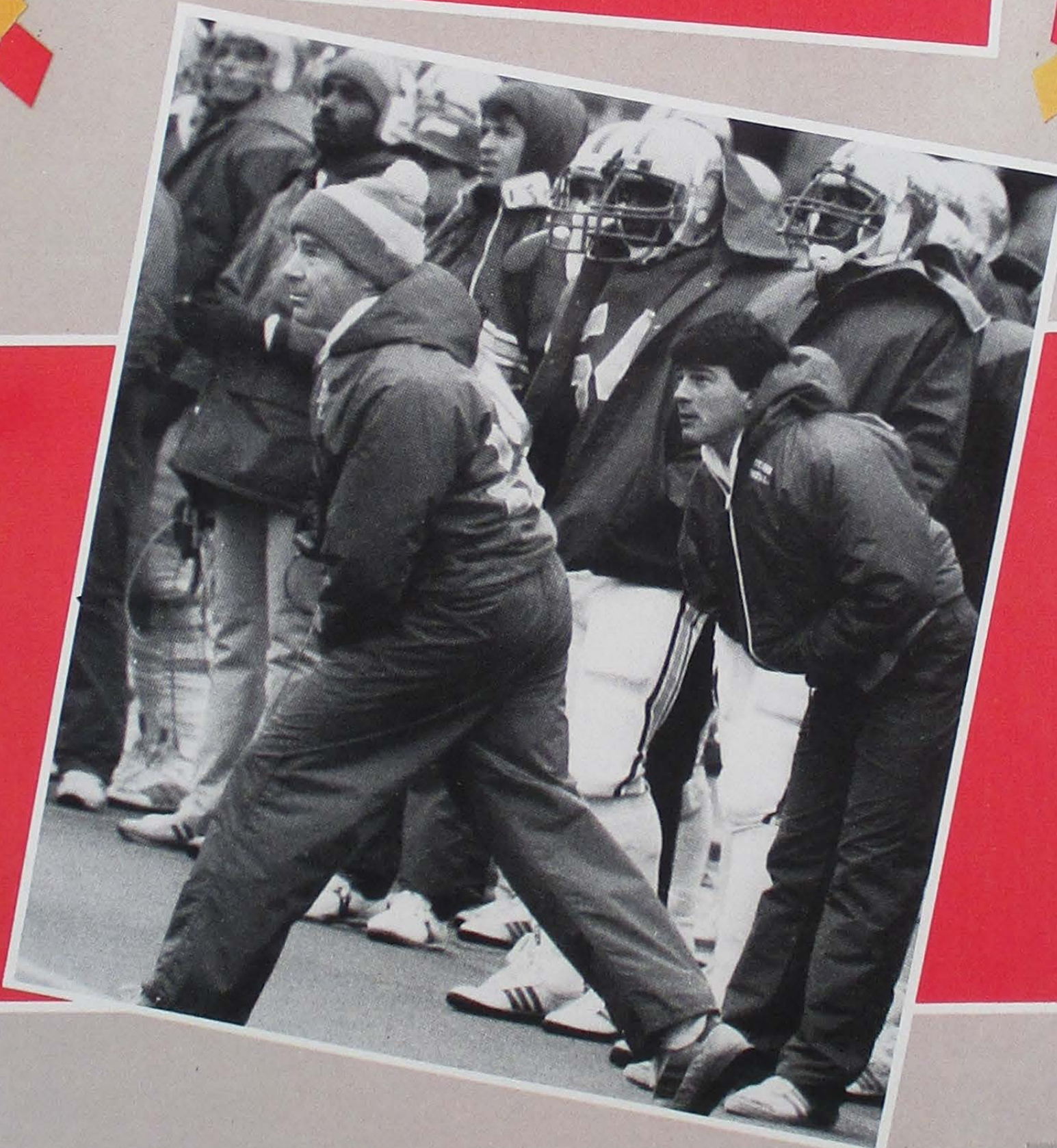


Mark Haas

Loud pulsating drums and screaming guitars could be heard from "Sniper." The members included seniors Jim Poffenberger, Mark Haas and junior Tim Hughes. "I live for Sniper," said Hughes. The heavymetal rock group had several concerts this past year. Poffenberger said, "We idolize a lot of bands like the Scorpions and Cheap Trick." Junior fan Jeff Johnson said, "I really like Sniper and the music they play."

Coach Criner and Mark Criner

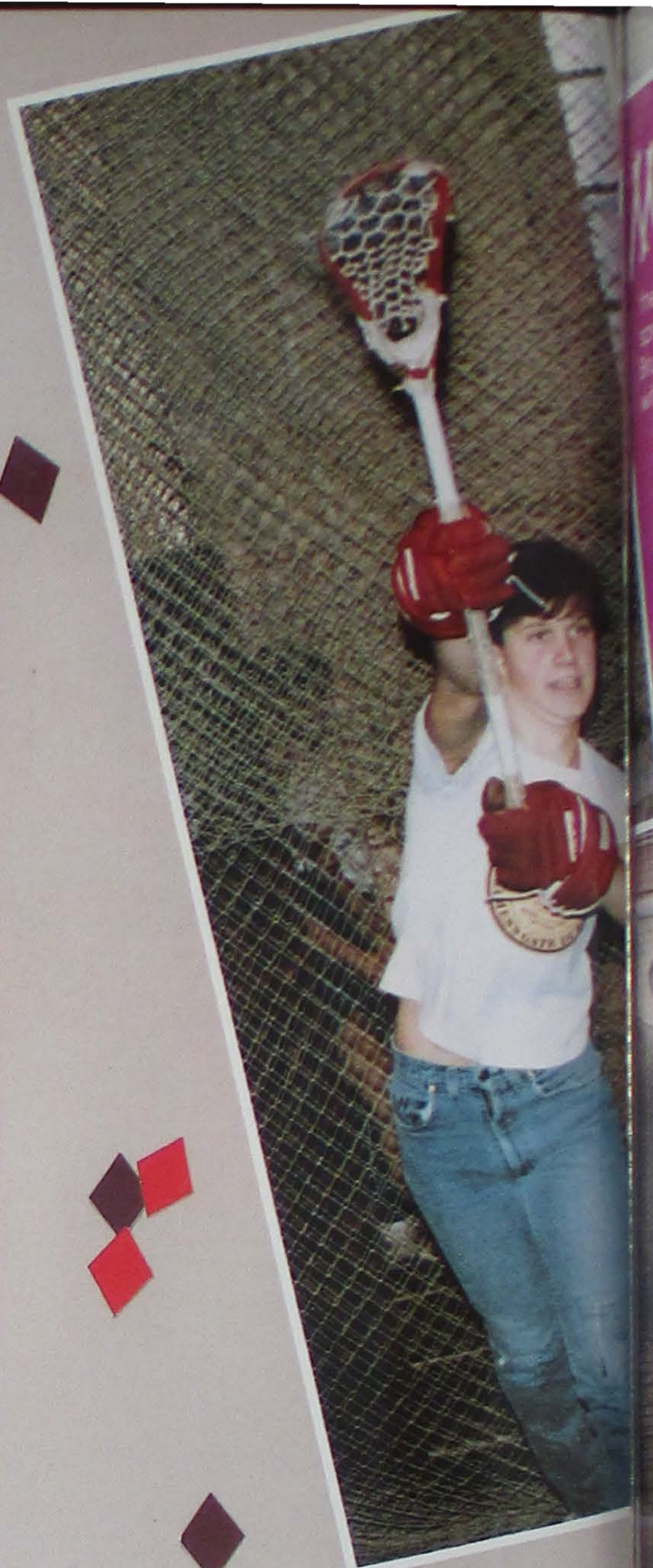
Senior Mark Criner was the son of a man whose job was very important to Iowa State University. Mark's dad was Jim Criner, head coach of the Iowa State football team. "It's great!" said Mark. "I love being around football all the time." Mark planned to continue his involvement in football after high school and through college to become a coach of a major college or university team. To get some coaching experience Mark coached three third and fourth grade basketball teams. "I enjoy coaching the little kids; the little girls are really funny. But, it's not the big time yet."



Jim Budd



"Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. My name is Jim Budd. I will be your pilot for this flight. Enjoy your ride and thank you for flying United." Senior Jim Budd wasn't a commercial pilot yet, but he did hope to be. He got a flying start by taking flying lessons. Both his mother and brother chose to fly because of Jim. "I told them about my flights, and it sounded so fun they thought they were really missing out on something. So they started lessons too." It cost about \$1,500 for flying lessons to obtain a license. To defray the cost, Jim worked at the Ames Municipal Airport as a station attendant of sorts. "It's exactly what servicemen at a gas station do except the vehicles are a lot bigger." Jim has made plans to attend Iowa State's Flight School in the fall of '85.



Kara Sjoblom

"They have a lot of fun music. Some of it is depressing though. I think their songs are better than the ones written today," said junior Kara Sjoblom about the music that prompted her to start her own Beach Boys fan club. "The idea for a club came up pretty much by accident. A friend and I sent an ad to a magazine asking for members and we finally got some replies," said Kara. Kara's fan club had nearly 70 members, spread as far as Germany and Australia. As president, Kara had to get out three newsletters a year. To get information about the Beach Boys she kept in touch with their publicist. This summer, Kara will hold a Beach Boys convention in Ames which will include such events as record sales and viewing rare videos. Last summer, Kara got the chance to see the Beach Boys in concert when they came to Des Moines. "It was so excellent! My next goal is to meet them in person," Kara said.



Steve Rhodes

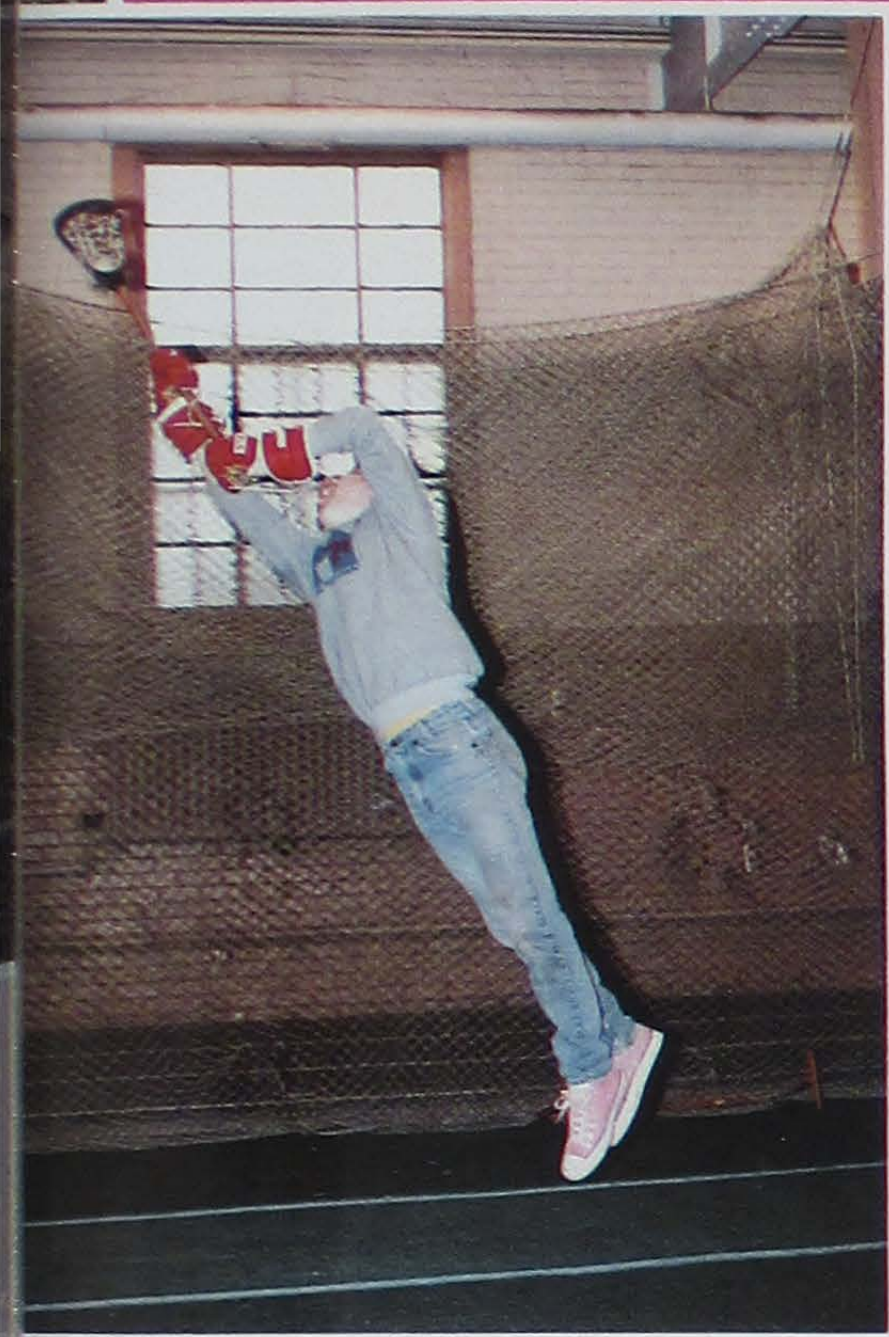
Most students planned on starting their collegiate athletic career after high school, but there were exceptions: Seniors David Sprague and Steve Rhodes. They both played for the Iowa State Lacrosse Club during the spring and fall. Steve's older brother, Bruce, helped get them started, along with other friends. David said, "I like it because you get to travel often and it is very physical." The two described lacrosse as a combination of hockey and tennis. The membership fee was \$20, which covered equipment and some travel. Steve said, "On road trips we usually take cars or rent vans; it's a lot of fun." Both were planning on playing in the future and were eager for the upcoming season.

David Spargue



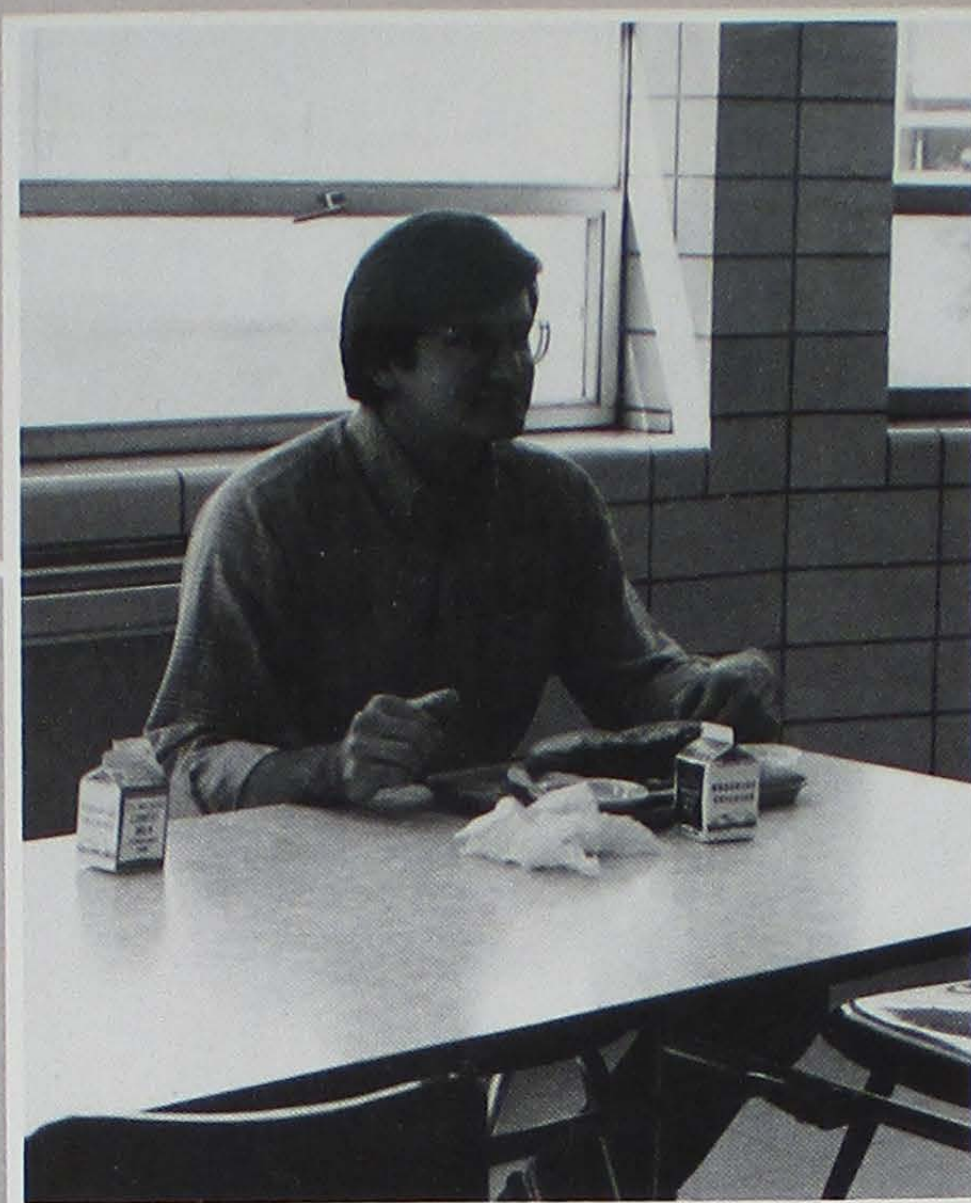
Kathy Knight

Kathy Knight had an obligation unknown to most students, she had the responsibility of caring for a horse. "I've always loved animals, especially horses, so I saved up my money and bought one." Kathy had friends in 4H, so she joined its horse program when she bought Fancy Bear. One of Kathy's favorite parts of having a horse was competing. She qualified for a show at Ark Sar Ben in Omaha and won a blue ribbon at a 4H exhibition. The largest responsibility for Kathy was the cost of keeping the horse. Fancy cost 90\$ a month to board, plus equipment and traveling expenses. Kathy gained a lot from her experience in horse shows. "I've learned to take losing in stride and besides, it's a lot of fun," Kathy said.



Scholarly Salute

- A**cademics: What three biology classes were offered to sophomores?
- G**ames: How many lanes were there in the swimming pool?
- F**aces: Who was the school nurse?
- S**tructure: Approximately how many books did the media center have?
- G**roups: What organization planned the Christmas Formal?
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- R**ules: What was the punishment for throwing food in the lunchroom?
Answers in index



Bill Timmons

"Mr. Lunch" could be seen every day in the cafeteria, but the room supervisor had a real name: Bill Timmons. He liked his job but said, "The kids are sometimes hard to work with; it can be a real challenge." Timmons, a graduate of Iowa State, could have returned to his father's farm or possibly attended a seminary. "For future plans, I'm not really sure what I'm going to do. It's a slow decision making process," he said. Junior Scott Dorr said, "Mr. Lunch is a great guy. Who else would let kids throw food at him 180 days a year."



"After one year of writing, with writers' blocks that lasted for sometimes a month, senior John Lee wrote, produced and directed, 'A Freak of Nature.'" "This sort of rounded out my drama career at Ames High. Now I have taken advantage of everything this school has to offer," said Lee. His play was performed during the Senior One Acts in February. The play was about a girl without lips and the way society turned against her for something she couldn't prevent. "The girl could've been black or handicapped, it would've been all the same," added Lee. It was well received by all. Several fans requested copies of the script. John said, "I want to publish it, but it needs to be produced three times first."



Scholarly Salute

- A**cademics: How many English credits were required of students in order to graduate?
- G**ames: What was the real name of Bear, our athletic trainer?
- F**aces: Who was the tallest student at Ames High?
- S**tructure: What was the coolest part of the school during the winter time?
- G**roups: When was "Ames High Update" regularly scheduled to be seen on the Ames cable station?
- R**ules: What was parking lot speed limit? (enforced by the city)

Answers in index



Photos by Barb Farrar

Doug Scanlan

"It's really not that much harder for me than for other people, but it might take me a little longer to learn some things," said junior Doug Scanlan about his participation in Tae Kwon Do. Doug has spina bifida, a birth defect for which he must wear a leg brace. Since beginning in Tae Kwon Do three years ago, Doug has found that his coordination, flexibility, and balance have improved. Doug comes from a family of eight brother and sisters. His family was very supportive of his work and effort in Tae Kwon Do. "They said if I was going to start, I couldn't stop if it got tough," Doug said. Getting a black belt was the goal of many Tae Kwon Do students. Doug not only wanted to get his black belt, but study other martial arts as well. Doug's biggest goal, however, was to teach martial arts to the handicapped. "Everyone tells them that they can't do as much as other people, but really they can do almost anything they want to."





Chris Swanson

It's like floating on water but with a very strong wind on you," said junior Chris Swanson of his skydiving experiences. After a lot of dreaming and bargaining Chris started training for his first jump. "The hardest part was talking my parents into letting me do it." During the summer Chris jumped around two to three times a week at the Boone airport. "I think it's great that I do something that not many others do."

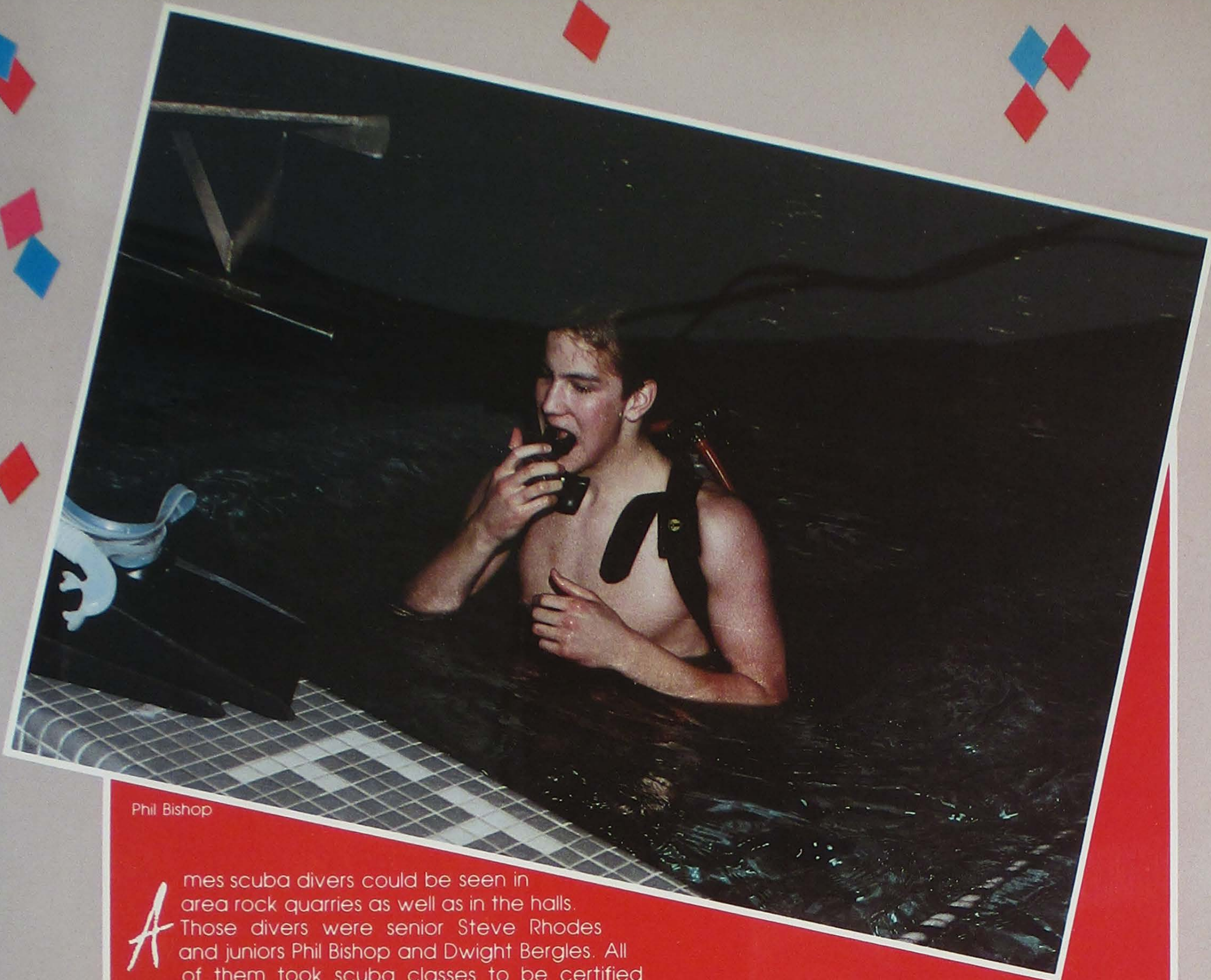


Jayne Showers

All the other leaders tell me I have the rowdiest group," said senior Jayne Showers of her first grade Blue Birds and Thunder Birds (male Blue Birds.) After years of being a Blue Bird as a young girl, Jayne was a leader during her senior year in high school. She herded her ten Blue Birds and Thunder Birds around nearby parks or members' homes once every two weeks. "After being in school all day they love to just run and jump around. So I take them where they can play, get muddy and work on nature crafts I plan." They achieved honors set by the Camp Fire Girls organization. The group participated in the "I Love Ames" celebration at the North Grand Mall. For the celebration they planned a friendship dance and sent helium balloons with post cards attached. "It's fun, we don't do much but have a good time."



Doug Anderson



Phil Bishop

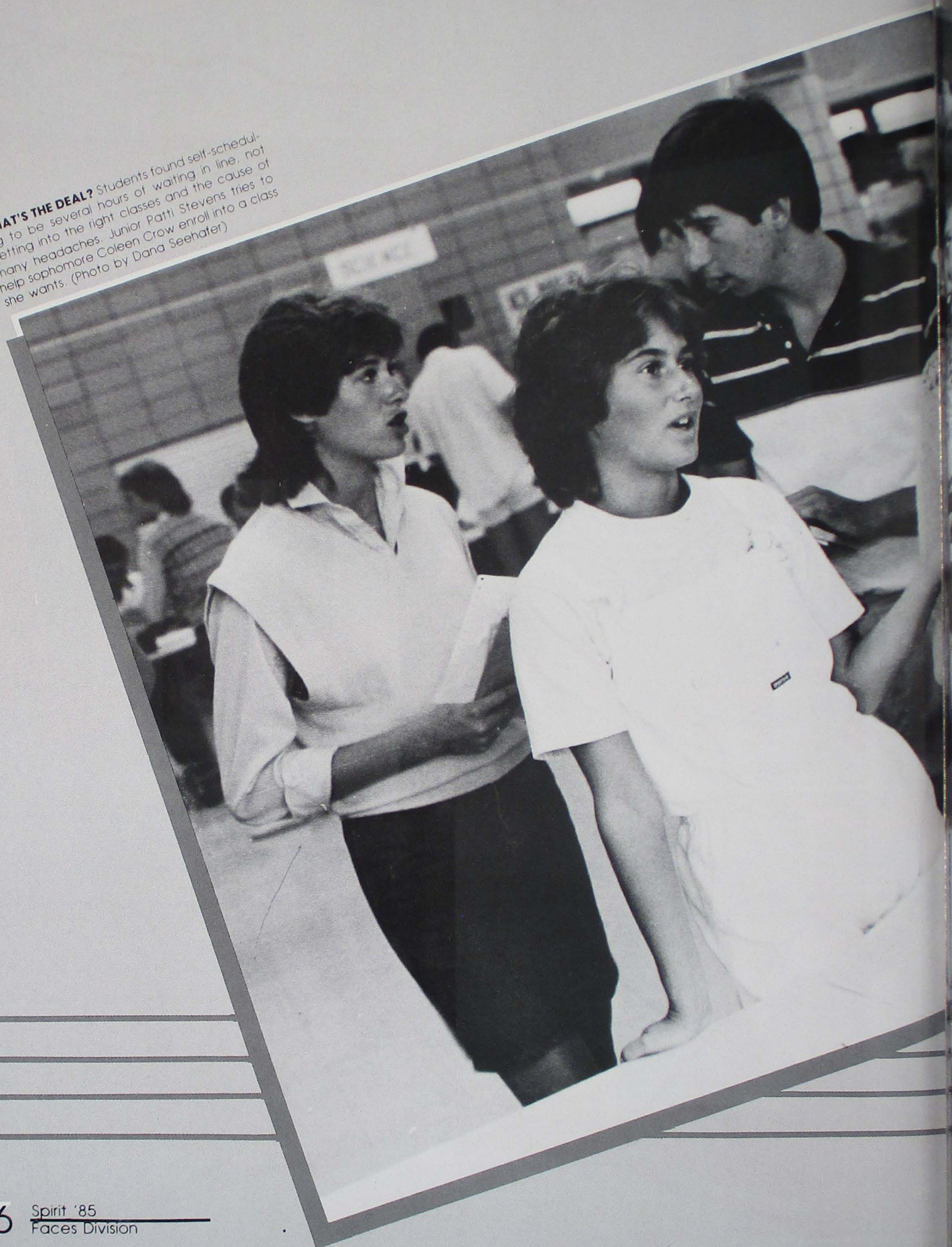
Ames scuba divers could be seen in area rock quarries as well as in the halls. Those divers were senior Steve Rhodes and juniors Phil Bishop and Dwight Bergles. All of them took scuba classes to be certified scuba divers. "We had to do open water dives in Fort Dodge quarries and in Big Creek." They also attended three-hour classes for three months each Tuesday night. Jerry Symons, the Iowa State University swim coach, trained the three divers. The class was sponsored by Parks and Recreation at the Ames High Municipal Pool. A scuba trip to Florida was planned for Christmas break. Steve said, "A lot of people don't know it, but you have to be certified to dive. Now, I'll be legal."

Iscream, you scream, Doug Anderson sells ice cream. Senior Doug Anderson worked as an ice cream man for Ames during the summer. Driving around town in a small one manned ice cream truck playing melodies, he made youngsters' days merry. "It's a blast. I get to visit all my friends and the little kids idolize me."

Scholarly Salute

- A**cademics: What P.E. class was required for graduation?
- G**ames: What did the big black and orange sign at the end of the track around the football field read?
- F**aces: Who was the coach of the gymnastics team?
- S**tructure: What was the address of the school?
- G**roups: What did SADD stand for?
- R**ules: What did the media center staff do to students with overdue magazines?

WHAT'S THE DEAL? Students found self-scheduling to be several hours of waiting in line, not getting into the right classes and the cause of many headaches. Junior Patti Stevens tries to help sophomore Coleen Crow enroll into a class she wants. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)





At first glance we might have seemed to be an average high school, but a closer look showed how different we really were. With over 1130 students there were enough different cliques to accomodate all of us. Each group had a nickname like: "jocks", "geeks", "dirtheads", "band rats" and "drama rats".

One of our larger groups was the athletically-inclined students, who tended to hang around the "rail" in the lobby and also initiated many sophomore pinball games.

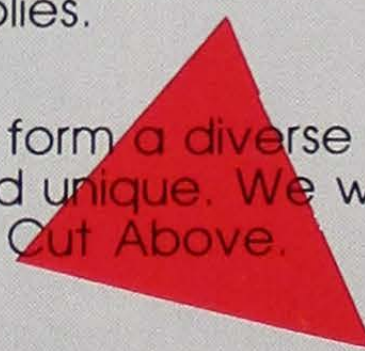
Right across from them sat another clique. They all gather around the black bench by the front door discussing "crusing Main" and hot rods.

We also had our academically-oriented group. They could be seen walking down the halls with a stack of Honors Chemistry or French IV books gathered in their arms.

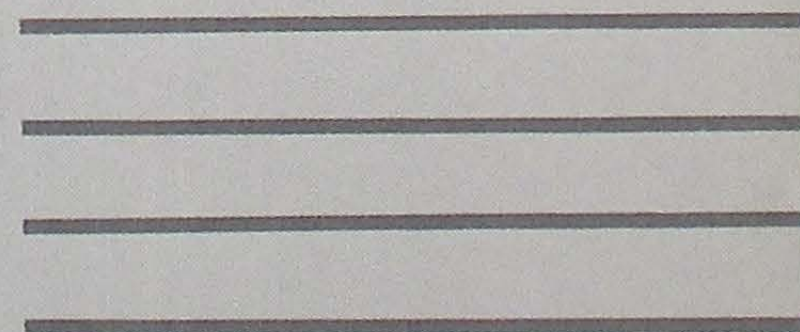
One of our newer groups, but definitely a noticeable one, was the "non-conformists". They were easy to spot in the halls with their dyed hair, florescent clothes and rhinestone jewelery.

And, then there were the lowly sophomores. They would rush past the senior rail for fear of being "pinballed". "Scoffs" tended to be clean-cut and eager looking. One of our biggest sophomore traditions that fell this year, was the puppy-chow rain at pep assemblies.

We all came together to form a diverse student body, both interesting and unique. We were different, and it made us A Cut Above.



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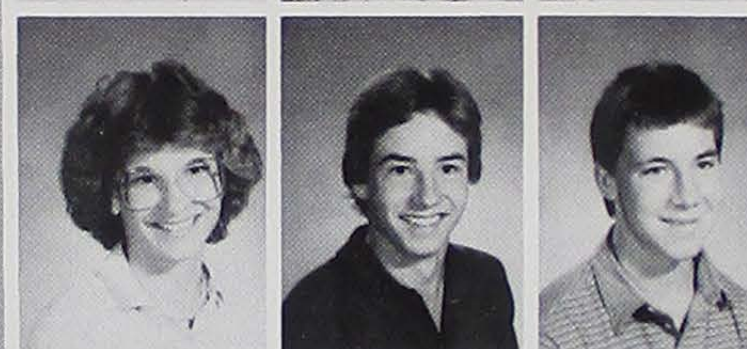
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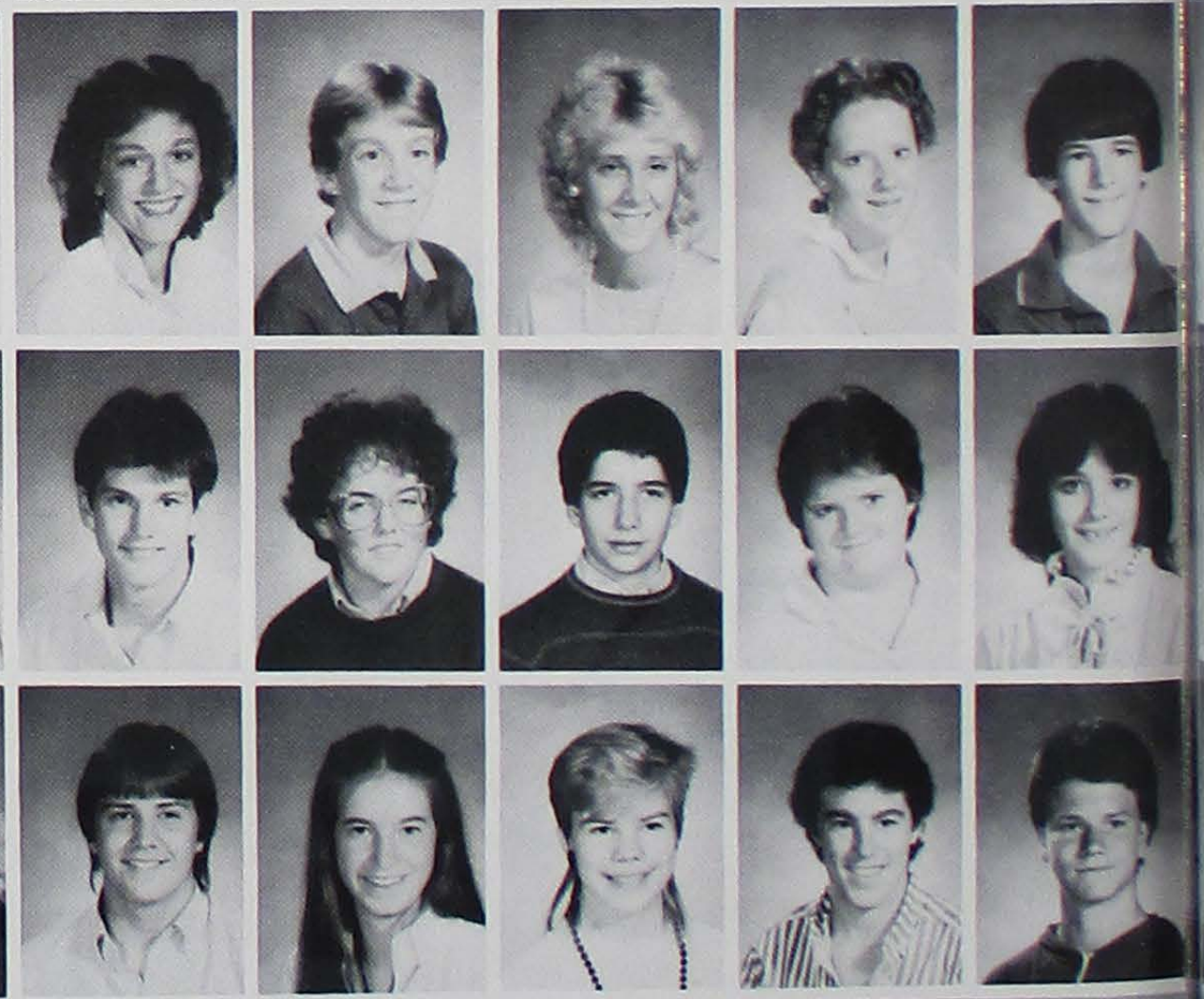
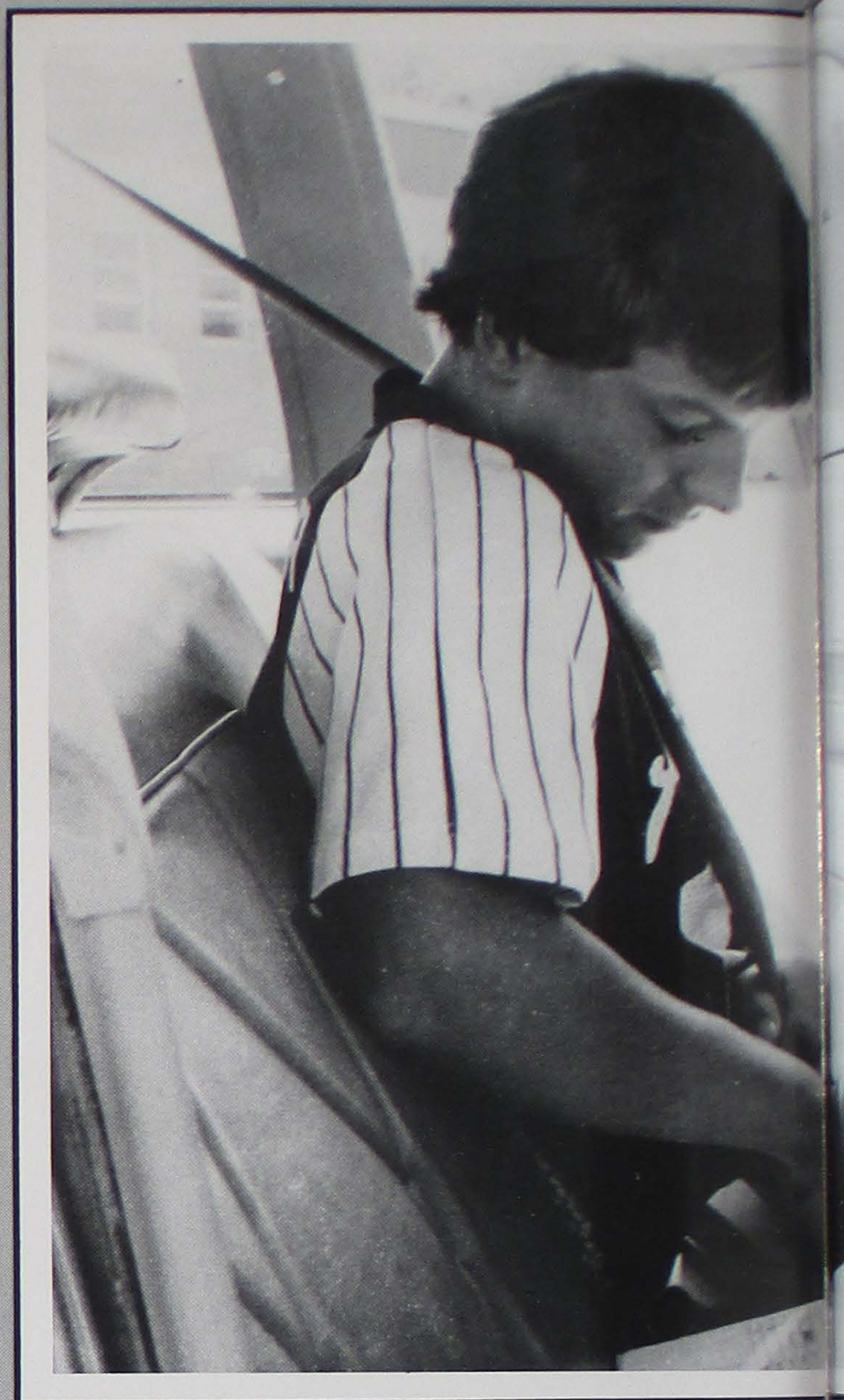
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New setting brings ups, downs

On August 27, sophomores became official members of the Ames High School student body. These newcomers experienced a mixture of high delights and fears. Many were worried about their teachers and the amount of homework, while others were apprehensive about being on the bottom of the ladder once again.

Sophomore Anita Dwyer said, "I didn't know my way around; I got lost, and was late for class. It was a horrifying experience!"

Wendy Willey commented after her first day, "It wasn't as bad as I had expected."

In junior high, the chances of becoming involved in activities were limited. Upon arriving at high school, interest was sparked in activities not offered before to these sophomores.

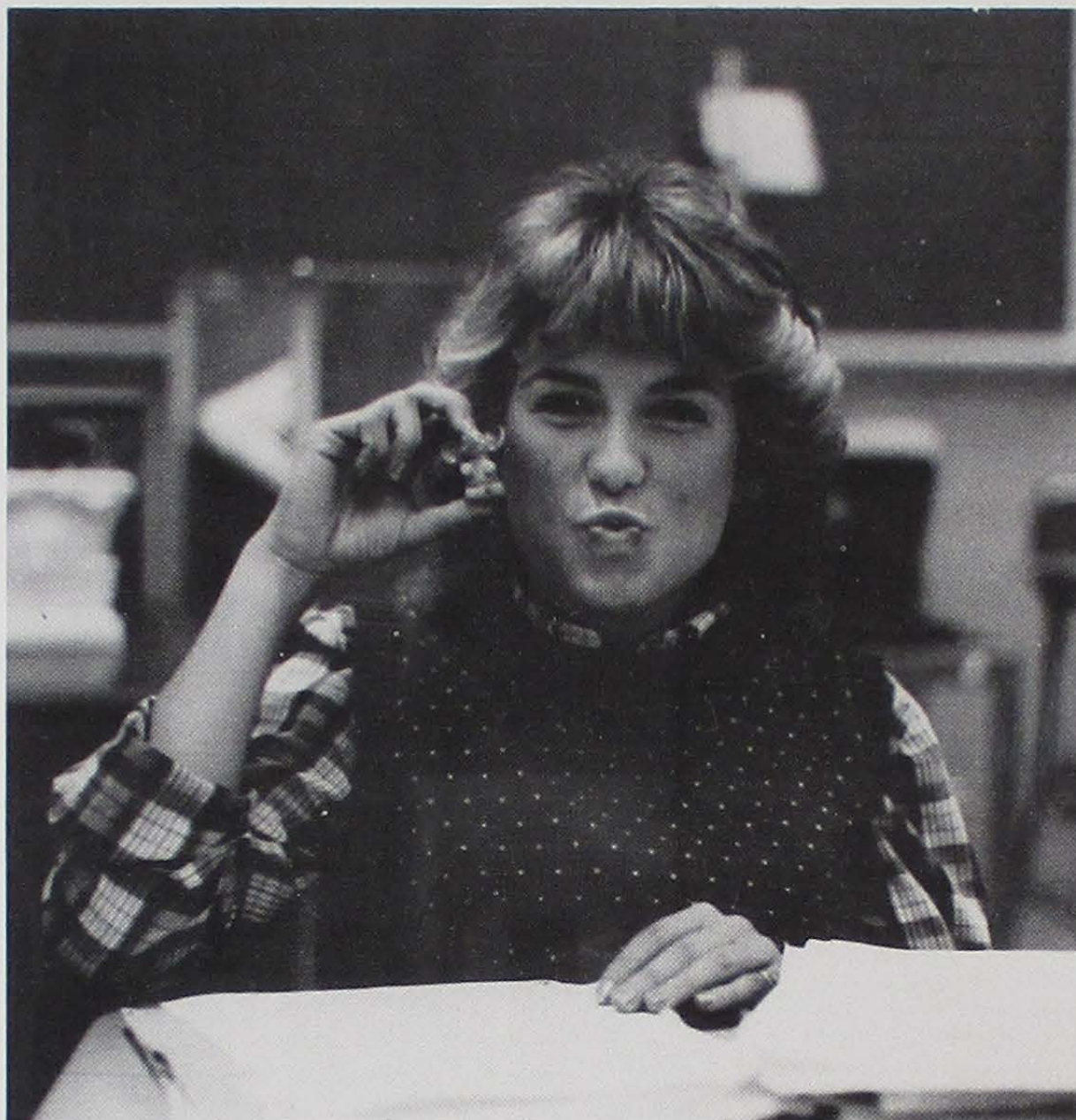
Bonnie Sprague said she was, "excited about being involved in the modern dance class." Julie Flemmer also echoed this feeling. "I couldn't wait for the first football game," she said.

Certain rumors concerning sophomores were also confirmed. Kristen Koch was worried about being called a "scoff," while Pete Peterson grumbled about having "sophomore swim-

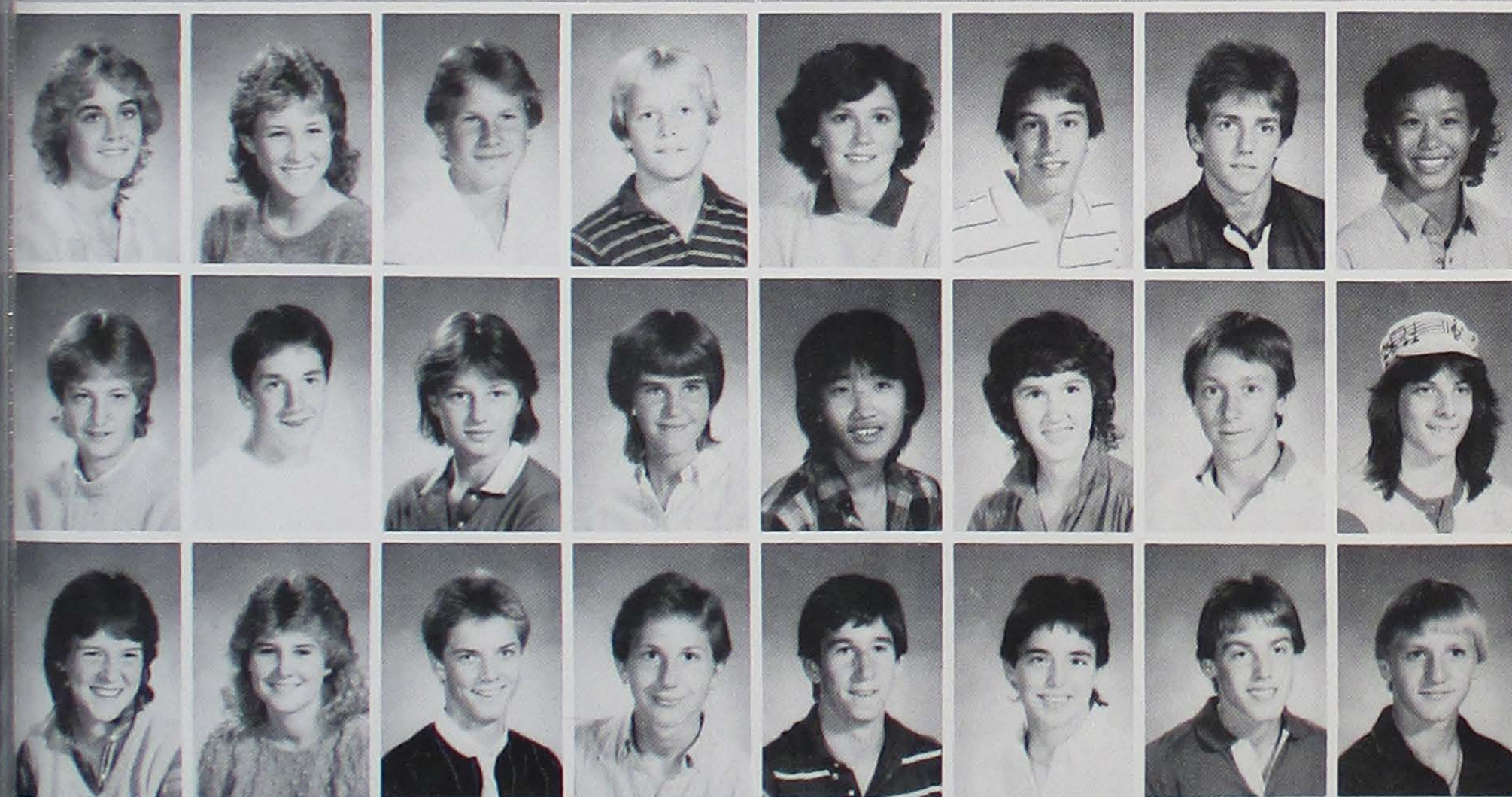
ming first period."

After the second week of school had ended, Verda Davenport summed it up about being accepted by upper-classmen, "It wasn't what I had expected. It really is great to be a sophomore."

A HELPING HAND. Bobo assists Brittany Wombacher with her history. Many students had good luck charms to help them with their homework. (Photo by Tim Allen.)



BUCKLE UP. Dan Hunziker observes a safety rule and buckles up for summer's drivers' education class. (Photo by Vel Randic)



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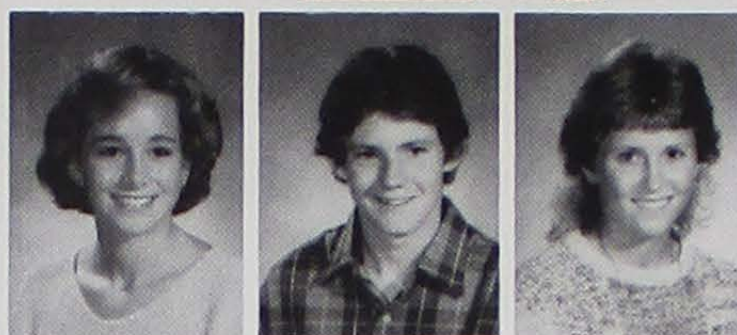
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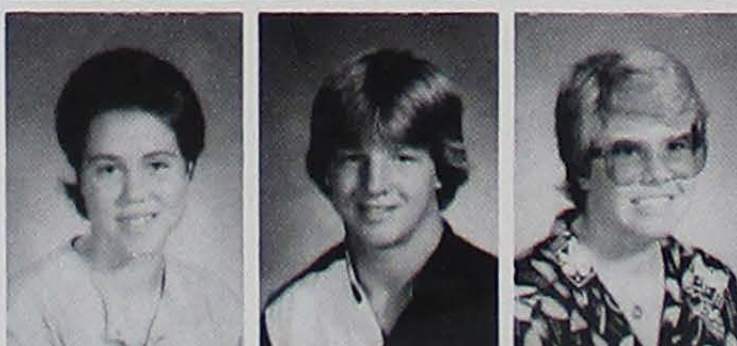
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Hilary Emmerson
Donny Erbach
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More drivers, More mobility

A new sight was seen that was new to Ames High this year. Several sophomores took to the streets in cars and trucks; many sophomores felt that this gave them mobility. Sophomore Stacy Warren said, "I like the freedom in moving around." Many sophomores participated in summer Driver's Education, but others still had to ride the bus.

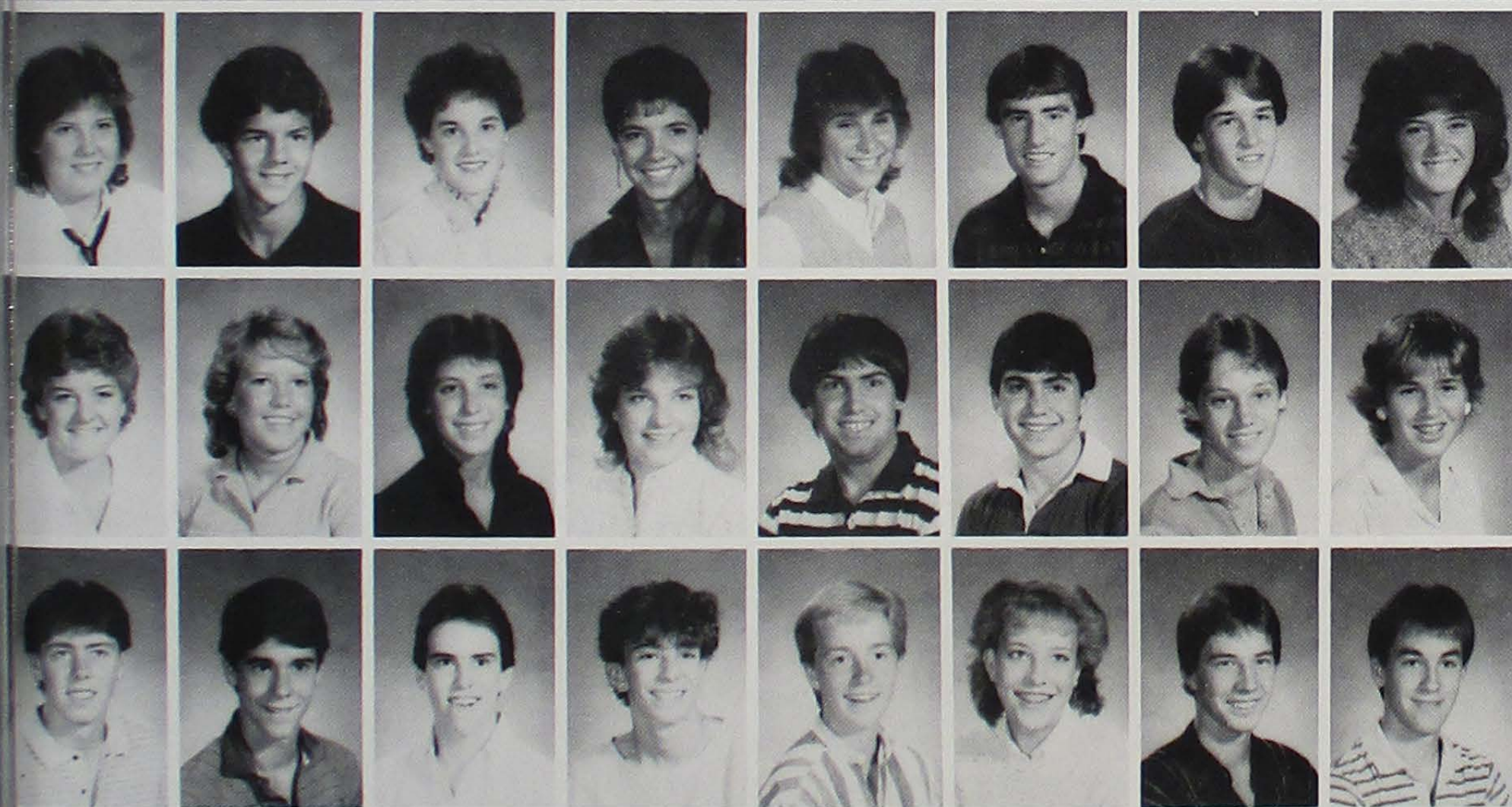
Until they got their licenses, many sophomores were dependent on their mothers and fathers, buses and car-pools. Sophomore Joel Bunde said, "I'm looking forward to getting my license." Because the school had so many different activities at different times and places, it was a hassle not having the use of a car. Just getting to school on time could be a real headache. "Driving to school," Sophomore Brett Carney said, "is better than taking the bus."





WHAT ENTHUSIASM. Sophomore Susan Huss shows off her driver's ed book while in the classroom. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

YOUNG DRIVERS. Sophomores Jennifer Terrones and Margy Townsend practice driving on the driving range. (Photo by Barb Farrar)



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Tara Fatka
Julie Flemmer
Tracy Flesch
Steve Flugrad
Shawntawn Foley

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Brenda Frederickson
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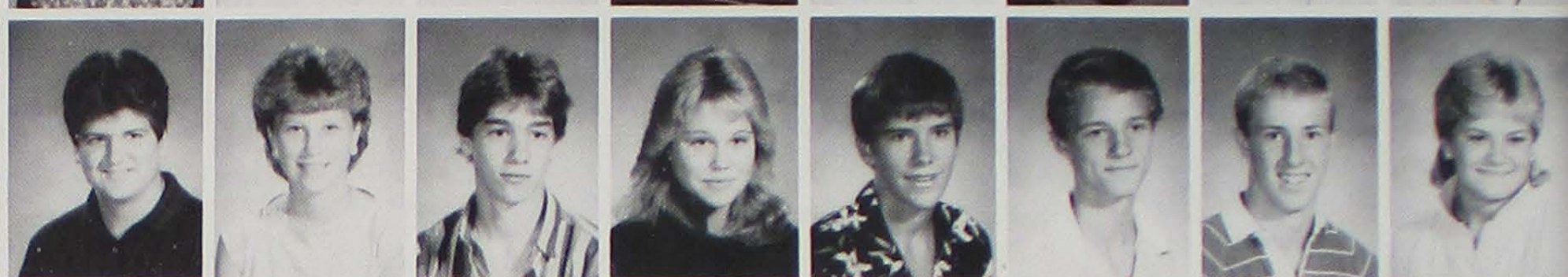
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Sophs excel through honors classes

Honors classes gave sophomores their first chance to excel. A sophomore's first chance to be involved with a more extensive curriculum was through the honors classes.

These classes were designed to provide a more rigorous schedule for those who were capable of handling the extensive work load. To qualify for an honor course, sophomores filled out applications and wrote essays, which were then considered with their previous grades.

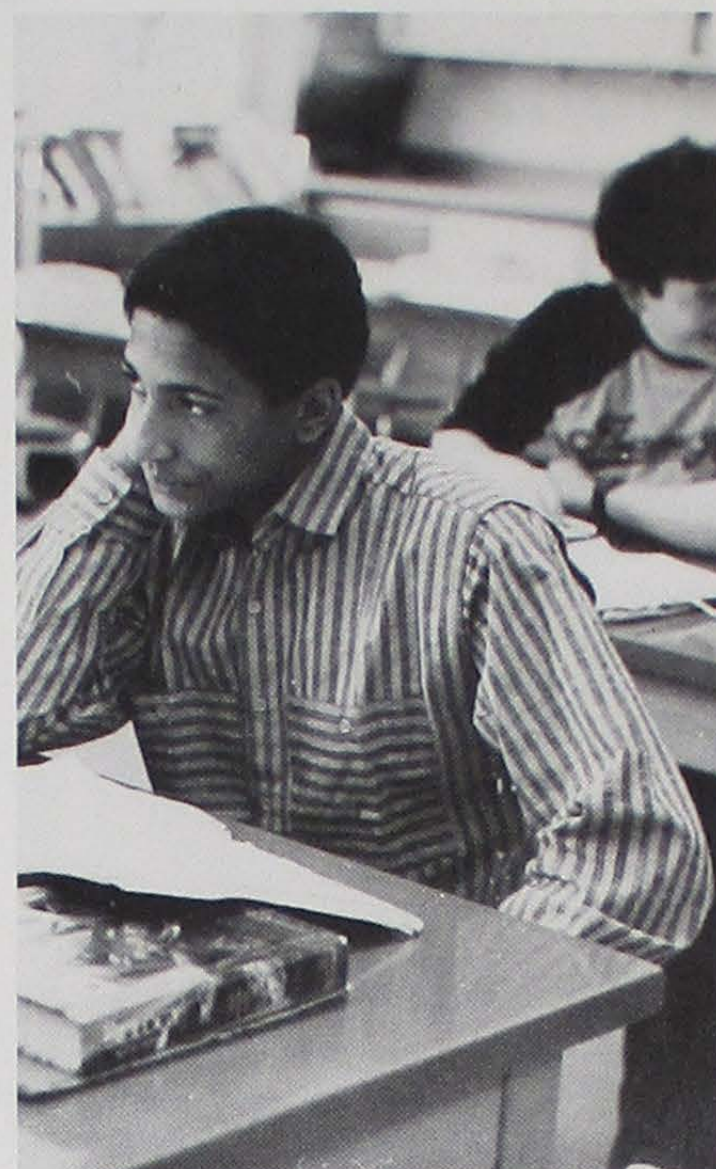
Sophomore David Dobson, an Honors English and biology student, said, "I find the classes thought-provoking because they offer a more extensive and in-depth coverage of the subject matter."

Getting more involved and into greater detail about a subject was what the classes were all about. Many felt that they had excelled more in the honors classes than they would have in a regular classroom situation. Sophomore Carol Peterson, an Honors Biology student said, "The classes make me feel as if I have accomplished something in the time that I spend in class."

Sophomore Sean Kearney summed up her Honors English class. "I find class inspiring and instrumental in developing my intellectual creativity."

"I've really learned a lot in my first semester of class and I feel it's a privilege to be able to participate in the program," Sean Kearney said.

SOUNDS FUN. Looking discouraged, Ade Olorunsola takes a break before starting his Honors Biology assignment. (Photo By Dana Seehafer.)



SOMETHING NEW. The Honors History class takes part in group presentations on a chapter from their text book instead of participating in a normal discussion group. (Photo by Dana Seehafer.)

MORE ENTHUSIASM. While hard at work on her Honors Biology assignment, Jennifer Meierdierks shows enthusiasm in her assignment. (Photo by Dana Seehafer.)



Handbook helps Sophs understand school rules

The Ames High School Handbook was not on the best sellers list, but it was important to the faculty and student body for standards on disciplinary policies. When Mr. Bill Ripp, associate principal, was asked if he thought all the rules were there for a purpose, he said, "We need a student handbook for consistency and to insure the due process for all." Sophomore Polly Stromley said, "I found the rules to be boring and repetitive. I've heard them all before."

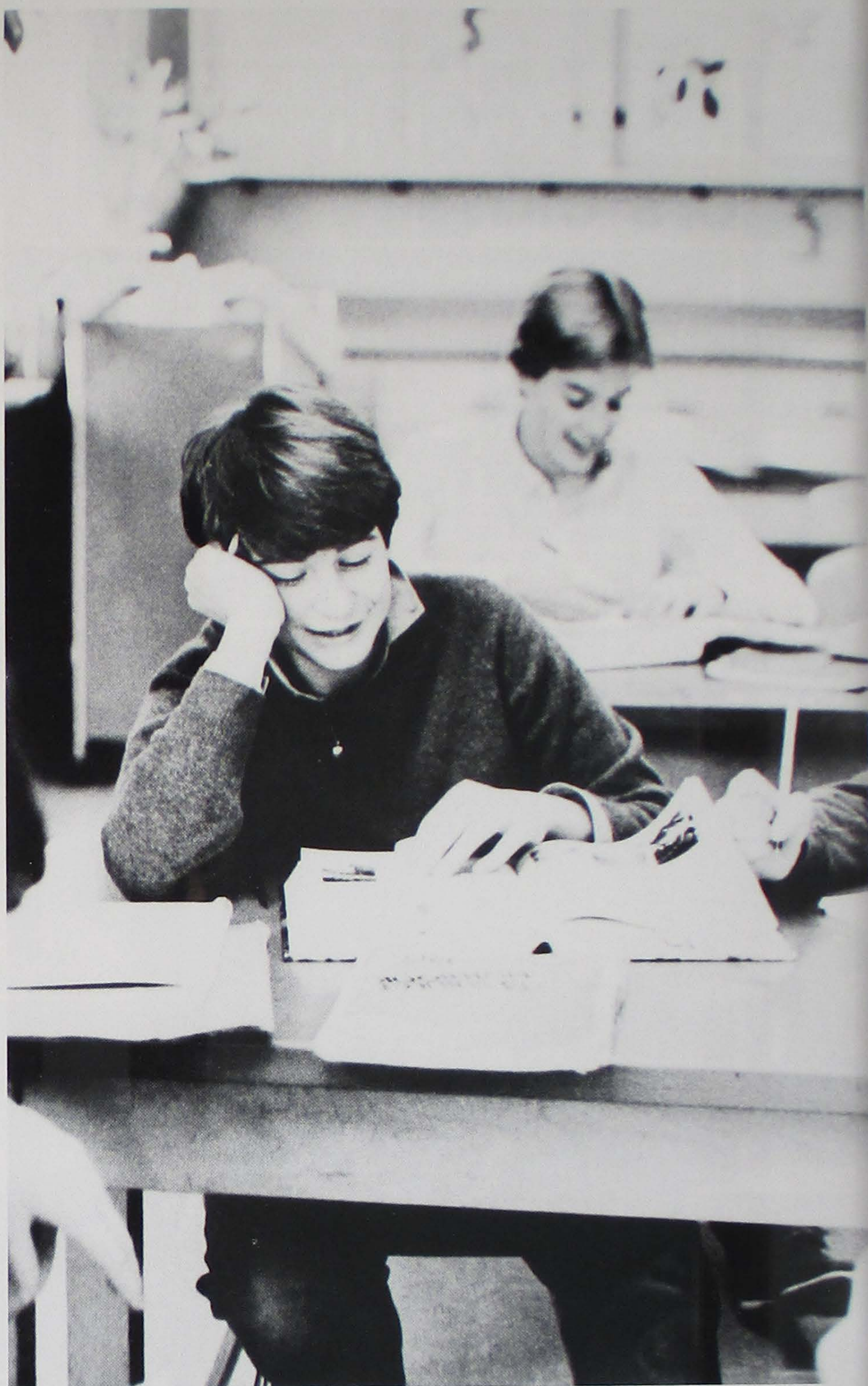
Sometimes the handbook was found in the bottom of lockers, or on the hall floor, but it did have some purpose and value. At the beginning of the year, sophomores were given a handbook and were asked to read it. Because of the new rules and disciplinary policies, it was important that everyone read the handbook. Sophomore Julie Flemmer said, "I did read the handbook, but I found it easy to put down."

The students had to work a great deal with the handbook: not only were they disciplined by its rules, but they also helped revise it.

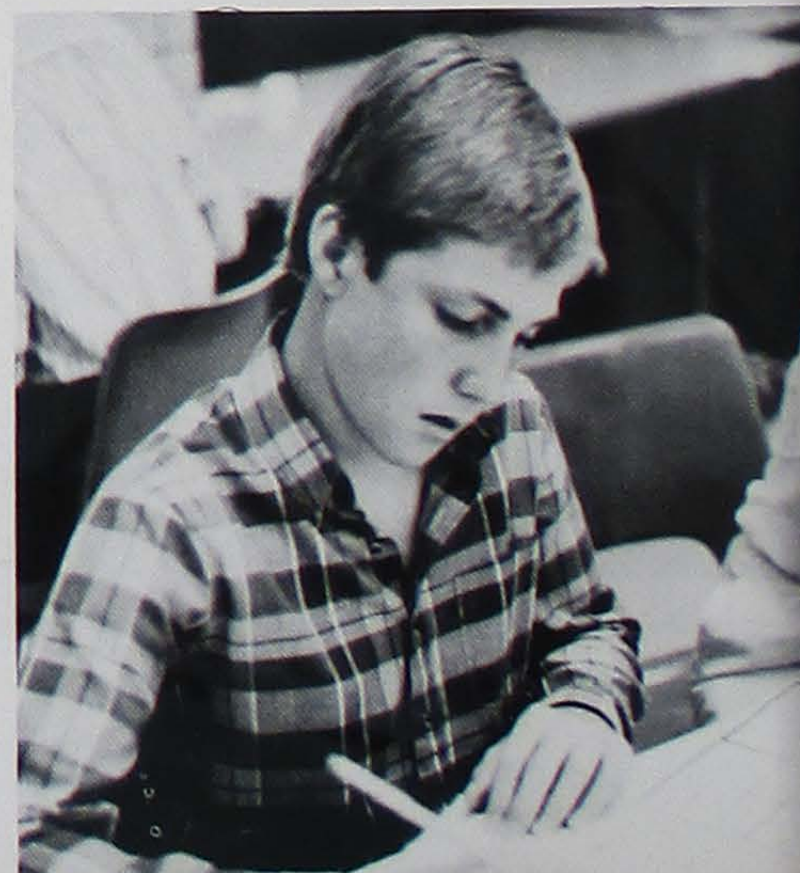
Many of the changes were brought about by students working on a committee. Dean of Students Mary Ann Schmidt helped this committee do an orderly job. Mrs. Schmidt said, "Rules are a part of any school and I'm happy students at AHS have a voice in establishing these rules which govern our student body."

AN HONOR? During Honors Biology, sophomore Fritz Pohlenz studies the anatomy of a frog. She enrolled in the class after reading guidelines in the Student Handbook. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)

TIME TO STUDY. Using class time to complete their TAE assignments sophomores Michelle Conlon & Verda Davenport & junior Jenny Evans work together. TAE was a credit necessary to graduate from school. (Photo by Anja Trebes)



MORE WORK. Since sophomores and juniors did not have open campus, many chose to go to the cafeteria. Sophomore Scott VanSickle completes homework during a free period. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)





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Susie McKlveen
Jennifer Meierdierks
Russell Meiners
Valerie Meiners

Jenny Messenger
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Excuses work at first, but not for long

Teachers were on the watch-for sophomores, that is.

Sophomores had always received the benefit of the doubt from teachers because they were new to the school and didn't know all the school policies.

A sophomore might have wandered into a restricted area the first time, but the second time was no mistake.

While sophomores got all the breaks, juniors and seniors were expected to know the rules and follow them or pay the consequences.

When caught by a teacher for the first time, sophomore Steve Hoiberg said, "I didn't know this area was restricted,"

He continued, "I said I wouldn't let it happen again."

This was the most common excuse students said when they were caught in an off-limits area for the first time.

Carol Peterson said that she just, "smiled big and looked like a sophomore."

Social Studies teacher, Marvin Scott said that the first offense was usually an honest mistake, but for the second and third time, there was no excuse.

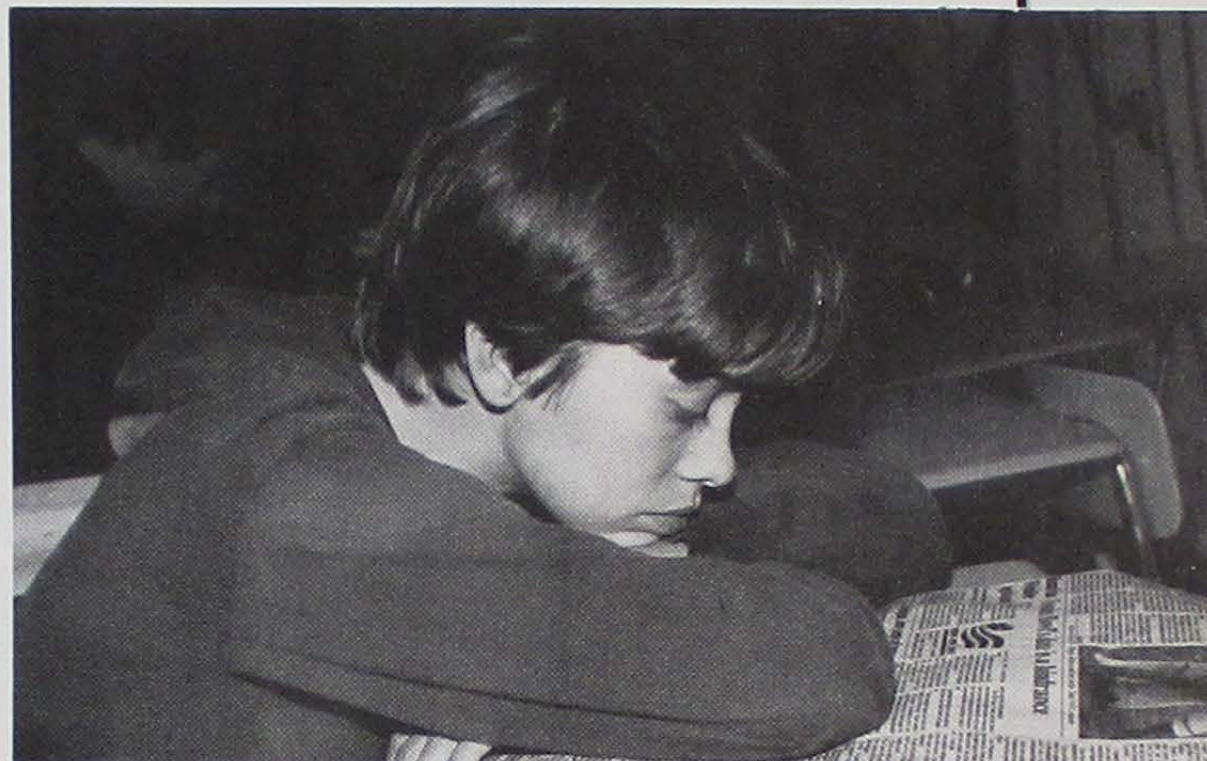
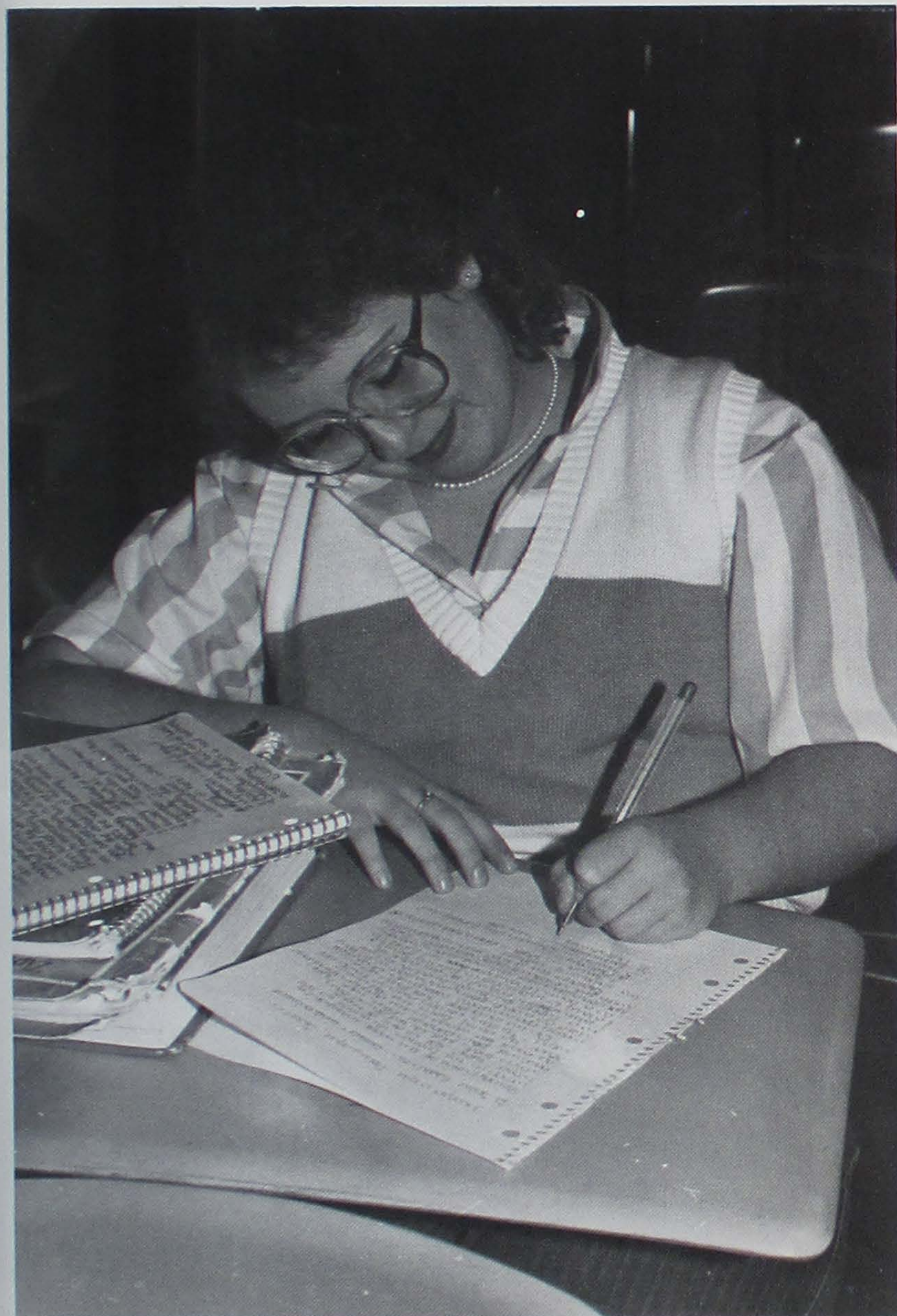
When sophomores were first caught, they were merely warned. The second time the students were told more sternly that it shouldn't happen again.

The third time earned them a trip to see Dale Tramp or Mary Ann Schmidt, Deans of Students.

Students then spent their free periods in Restricted Study Hall. Keith Peterson said, "Being a sophomore worked for a while but my luck ran out."

While sophomores got away with a lot in the beginning, after their first semester, the excuses began to wear thin. Steve Nichol said, "I'll just have to think of some new excuses next year, but I'll worry about that when the time comes."

NEWS FLASH. Sophomore Chris Anderson catches up on the news while sitting in Restricted Study Hall. (Photo by Anja Trebes.)



TASTE GOOD? While studying for a history test, Keith Peterson sits in Restricted Study Hall munching on his pencil. (Photo by Anja Trebes.)

HARD AT WORK. Keri Rasmussen uses her time in Restricted Study Hall to recopy her English assignment. (Photo by Anja Trebes.)

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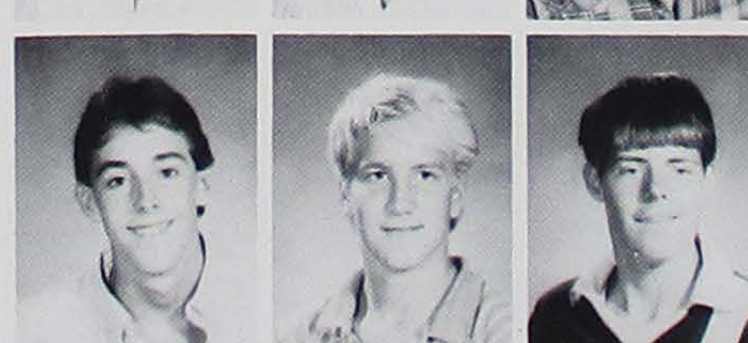
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New Responsibilities

"I feel that there's more pressure to do well in classes this year since we're taking the college A.C.T. and S.A.T. tests, and because we only have our senior year left," explained Matt Walsh. Many students felt that their junior year gained new importance for these reasons. With college suddenly seeming closer, students began studying and looking at information from various colleges.

The junior year was also characterized by some as being rather boring. The reason was that the excitement and newness of school activities during the sophomore year had faded, yet these juniors still didn't have the power or priority of being a senior. "As a junior, I feel more acquainted with the school and what goes on. I also feel blended out," said Karen Yates.

However, some students did realize that they had gained

a few new responsibilities. Included were the pressure and conflicts of having the first jobs. Kathy Betts said, "With a job, I find I have less time for my other activities." In general, some of the usual free time was taken up by new jobs and more privileges.

HARD AT WORK. Sitting in the IMC, Mari Wittmer reads to prepare herself for class. The IMC was patrolled by teachers, to keep the area quiet so students could study. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)





ADDING IT UP Junior Matt Arcy rings up the total of a meal while working at McDonalds. Many students held part-time jobs which added to the pressure of school. (Photo by Vel Randic)

CONFINED AGAIN. Juniors Sean Watt and Brian Buhman sit around the lunchroom during their free period. All juniors were supposed to stay on school grounds but often this rule was disobeyed. (Photo by Vel Randic)



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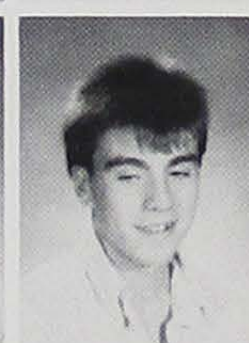
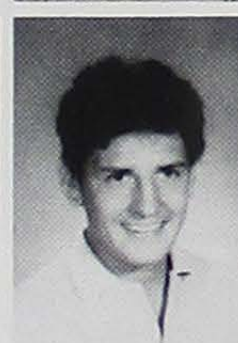
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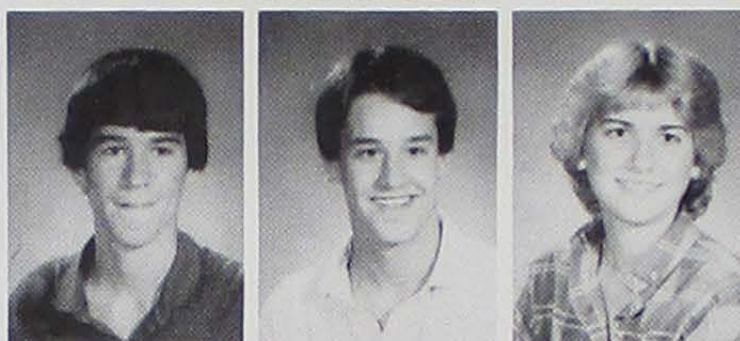
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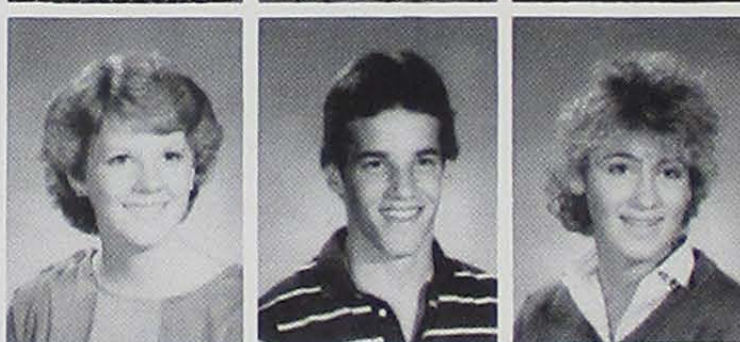
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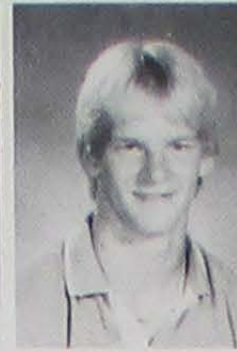
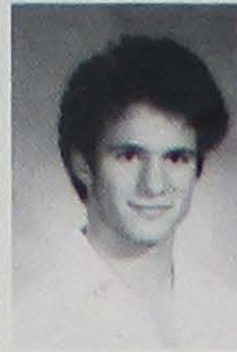
Many juniors had such busy schedules that they made excuses for things they did. "I didn't get my homework finished because I had to work this weekend," said Heidi Nass. This was a popular excuse for unfinished homework. Another popular excuse was athletic practices after school. Laura Thompson said, "During tennis season, after practice or a meet, I find it difficult to find time for homework."

Students also needed excuses when they were out with their friends and they came home too late. "I just tell my parents that my other friends didn't have to be home until later," said Nancy Klein. Other parents were not as lenient and didn't accept any excuses, "they just ground me," said Jennifer Edwards. Other excuses were: "There was a train", or "No one had a watch". Another popular excuse was, as explained by Erich Ludes, "My mom gives me a time to be home, but I tell her I'll be later because I have to take a lot of people home first."

ON THE PHONE: Junior Sarah Himan calls home to get a quick excuse to get out of class. Many students used needing to use the phone as an excuse to leave class. (Photo by Barb Farrar)



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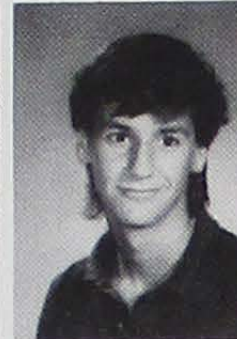
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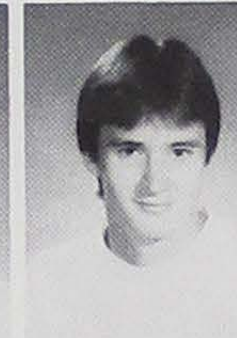
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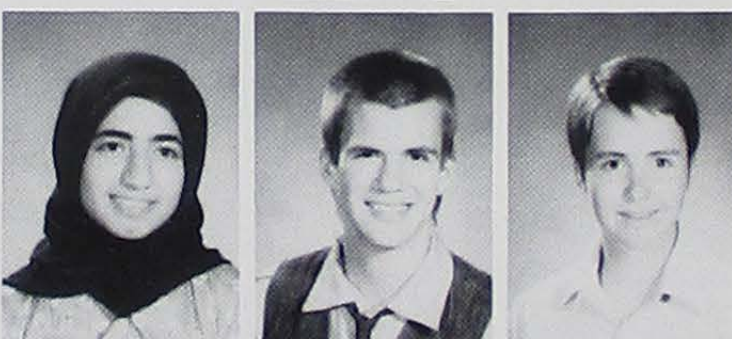
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Christy Lang
Andy Latham
Todd Latterell
Harry Laudencia
Sara Lawlor



Rise and shine

"It's the hardest part of my day," said junior Tamara Miller. Many juniors felt this way when asked about waking up in the morning.

While on the average most students got up around 6:30 or 7:00 a.m., there were always those few who waited until the last possible minute. Junior Matt Walsh said, "I wake up just in time to take a shower and make it to homeroom on time."

There was often little time for eating breakfast and many students came to school with empty stomachs. "If I don't have time for breakfast in the morning, I just go buy a doughnut in the cafeteria," said junior Richard Dobbs. Students

found the school breakfast very convenient.

Wednesday was always a day to look forward to. Homeroom didn't start until 8:30. That gave people another half hour to sleep in.

To some students, Wednesday was just a normal day because many groups held their meetings before school. "I get up the same time I do everyday because I either have a Student Council or Junior Executive meeting," said junior Kristi Smedal.

Junior Jon Gohman felt the solution to the problem of waking up so early was to "simply start school later!"



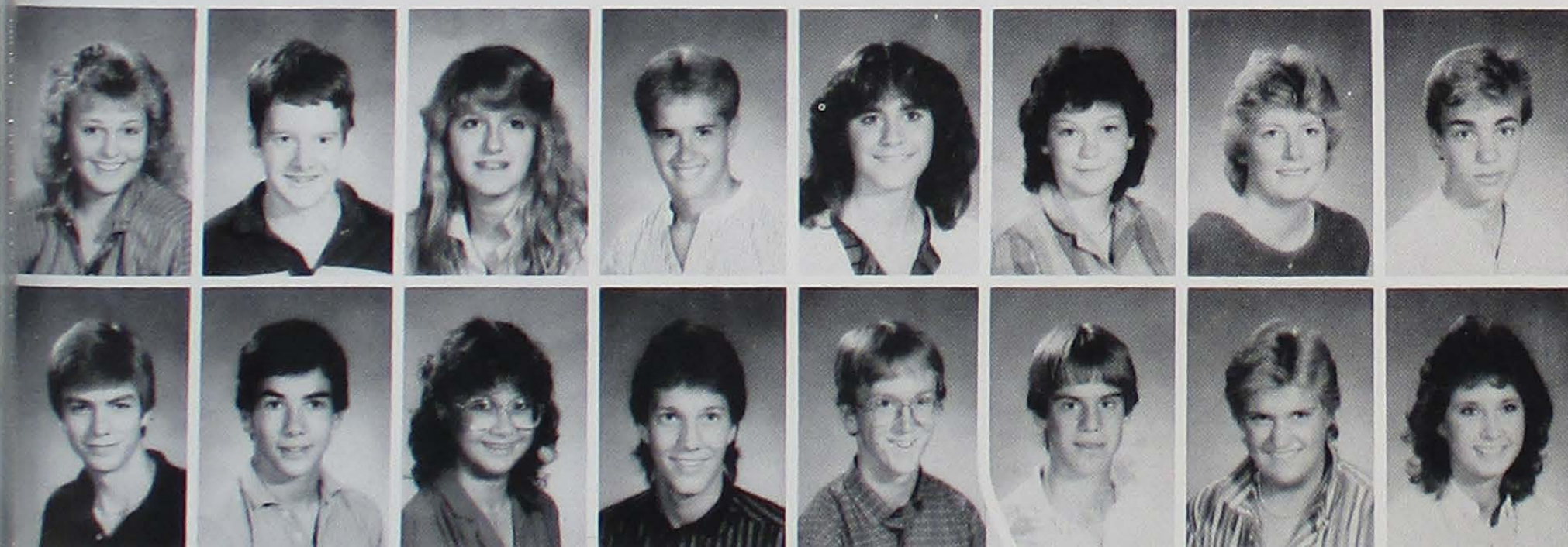
MAKIN' ZZZ'S. Catching up on some sleep, junior Lori Peter takes advantage of a Saturday morning. Weekends were usually the only chance students had to sleep in. (Photo by Barb Farrar)





BREAKFAST TIME. During his free period Junior Phouthone Phimmason eats a quick breakfast. The school breakfasts were very handy for students who didn't have time to eat at home. (Photo by Vel Randic)

HUNGER PAINS. Between her classes, junior Kristie Burns buys a doughnut to relieve her mid-morning hunger. Many students got hungry before lunch and needed something to tide them over. (Photo by Vel Randic)



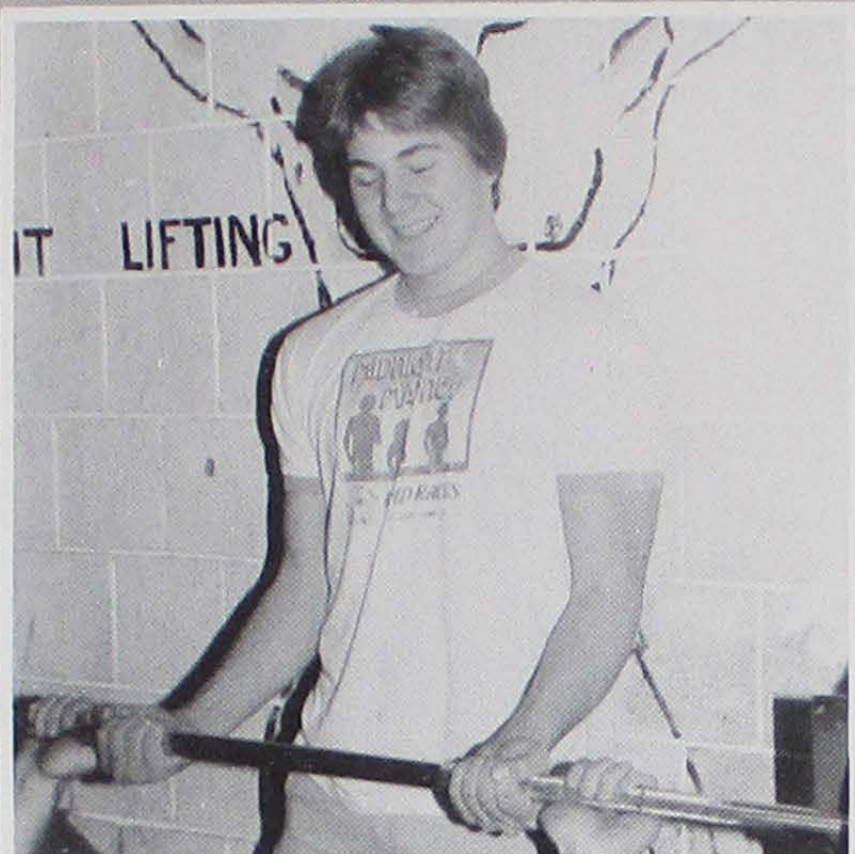
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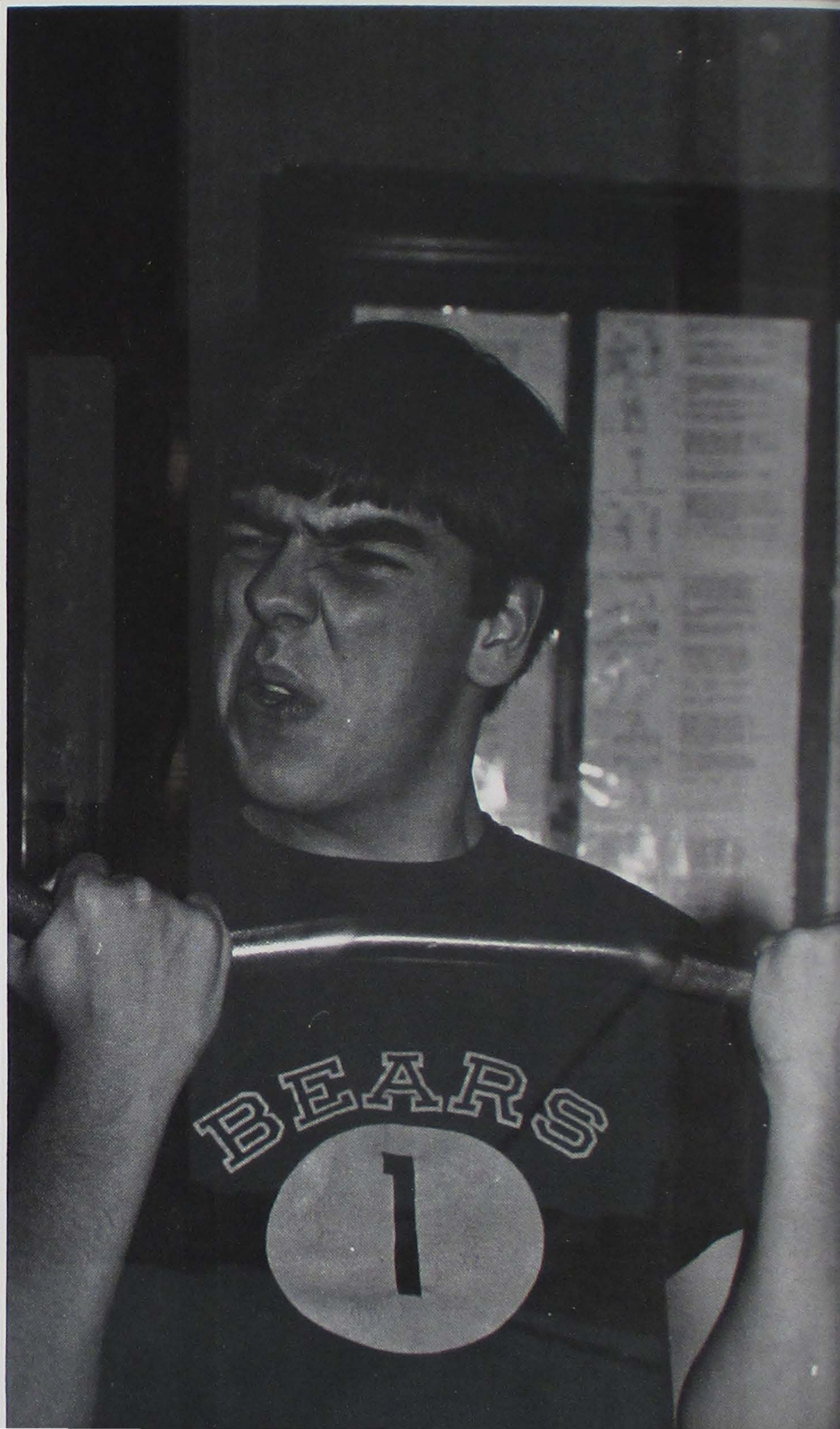


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 Michelle Michaud
 Sherri Middendorf



PUMPING IRON. Many people used the weight room to keep in shape for sports. Junior Martin Kemp helps a friend with the bench press. Spotters are always advised for weight lifting. (Photo by Erin Andersen)

ULTIMATE MALE. Junior Bill Norris shows off his brute strength in front of the camera. Students found time after school to lift weights to keep themselves in shape. (Photo by Erin Andersen)





Todd Middents
Michael Miller
Tom Miller
Tamara Miller
Darren Milliken
Laura Millsaps
Scott Moore
Tracey Moreland

Knut Morken
Bruce Mulder
Gaston Mulleady
Maggie Murphy
Hank Nakadate
Heidi Nass
Greg Nelson
Kari Nelson

Jenny Netusil
John Newell
Lynn Nordyke

Bill Norris
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Nathan Nyvall

Eric O'Berry
Jennifer Osborne
Inger Osterberg

John Osweiler
Troy Palmer
Mary Paque

Scott Pattee
Rick Peake
Julie Pearson

Leah Pease
Mark Pelzer
Jim Pepper

Carie Perkovich
Lori Peter
Deanna Peters

Fitness craze hits students

A sudden awareness of looking good and being fit hit Ames High this year. This fitness craze which has been sweeping the nation had a large impact upon students. Athletic equipment prices soared as their demand increased. Students paid \$60 for a new pair of tennis shoes and \$100 for warm-up suits.

There were many ways to get into shape. Many students took classes outside of school, such as dance, aerobics, and weightlifting. Jenny Ritts said, "I took exercise classes with Ames Parks and Recreation. This year I took two sessions of aerobics and one of body conditioning." Susanne Tachibana said, "In order to keep in shape, I attended

a jazz class at the Robert Thomas Dancenter."

One of the easiest ways to stay in shape was to go out for a sport. Intramural sports were an option if you didn't like competitiveness. Junior Erik Lundy said, "I went out for football in the fall and I-Ball in the winter." Junior Kevin Doerschug said "I was on the Ames High swim team and worked out year round with various coaches. It was a fun way to keep in shape."

However, there were many students whom the fitness craze hadn't reached. As junior Tracy Samson said, "to keep in shape, I just sat and watched television."

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT. Practicing for the tennis team is junior Laura Thompson. Many students worked out on their own to stay in shape for upcoming athletic seasons. (Photo by Lisa Huber.)



Angie Petersen
Jamie Peterson
Larry Peterson



Si Phan
Phouthone Phimmasone
Bryce Pierson



Craig Pierson
Brecca Popelka
John Porter



Celeste Powell
Erika Prochaska
Chris Pruhs



Joanne Pulsifer
Todd Randall
Karen Reilly



Heidi Reyes
Jeff Ried
Vicki Ried



Jenny Ritts
Jenny Robinson
Kristi Robson



Chris Rohach
Anita Rosa
David Ross
Donna Rowe
Debbie Rueth
John Russo
Stephanie Rust
Andrea Ryan



Chris Sabus
Marc Saddler
Abigail Sage
Eric Salsbury
Tracy Samson
David Schlapia
Lisa Schrag
Carl Schumann



Forecasting the day

An alarm rang. Slowly someone moved towards the window, lifted the shade, and peered outside to see what Mother Nature had in store for the morning. A later quick check of the thermometer and the forecast from the morning paper gave the predictions for the day. Be it wind, rain, sleet, snow, or sunny skies, most students agreed that the weather was a determining factor in their daily moods. Junior Mark Gabrielson explained, "The weather effects my mental outlook on the day."

The effects of the weather were also associated with the seasons. Students fell into fall, with the changing leaves, as they plunged into the new school year. Junior Scott Dorr said, "For the first month of school, I'm too busy to notice the weather." For others, moods varied from wanting to be out to enjoy sunshine and catch the late season rays, to enjoying the activities of the cool, crisper days.

With the temperatures falling, students prepared to winterize, and settled into the cold with the seasonal snows. The weather then effected the day by testing students' driving skills, that is, if the cars would start. Meanwhile, frosted windows

and icy roads also meant waking up a few minutes earlier to make it to home-room on time.

Some students said that the snowy weather put them in good moods because they could look forward to winter activities like skiing, bundling up in new, warmer fashions as well as the holiday season. However, everyone, at one time or another, was confronted with the true winter challenge of getting out of a warm bed and facing the chill morning, and settled instead on hitting the snooze button on the alarm and rolling back under the covers.

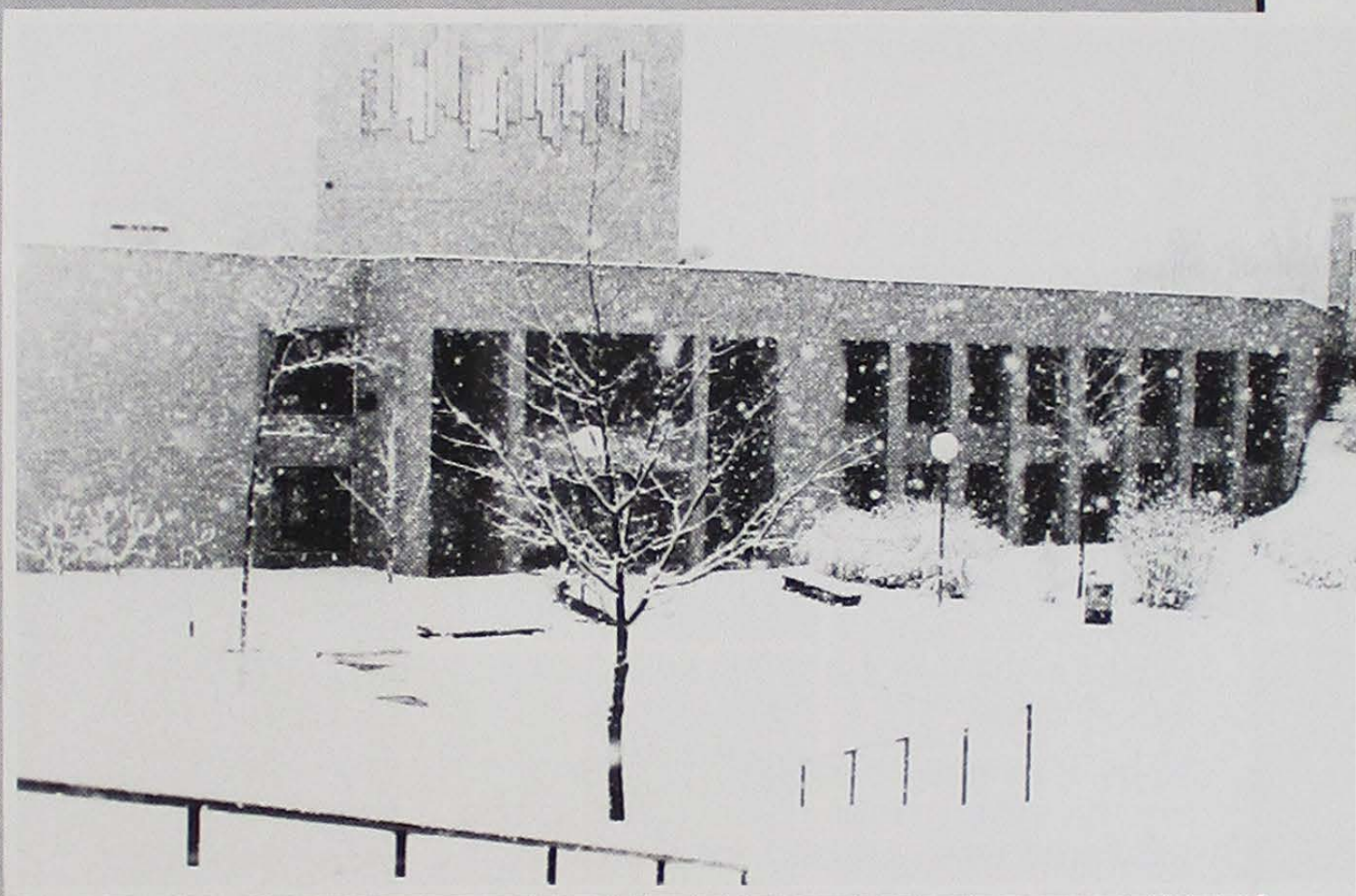
As winter snows melted away, students sprang ahead to spring. With the gloomy rainy days came gloomy moods, as students were more grouchy and less enthused with the weather, especially when it ruined outdoor plans. "By springtime, everyone is bored, and impatient for the school year to be over," said junior Tamara Miller.

Whatever the season, students moods were as varied as the weather. However, all students agreed they looked forward to the relaxation of the last season ... summer.



SUMMER'S END. Despite the warm weather juniors Erica Fuch and Robert Yoeger are back in school and busy with new schedules and classes. (Photo by Dana Seehafer.)

WAITING THE SPRING. Snow continues to fall and students are anxiously waiting for warm weather and the end of the school year. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)



BUNDLING UP. Winterizing against the inter temperatures, Junior Chris Pruhs gives school in a heavy coat to protect her from the cold. (Photo by Anja Prebes)



Linda Schumann
Joey Schwieger
Antena Seiler
Heather Selman
Tim Severson
Kimberly Shanks
Chris Sharp
Jamey Sharp

David Shaw
Elise Shibles
Karla Sickles
Marc Sinatra
Miya Sioson
Kara Sjoblom
George Skank
Ray Smalling

Kristin Smedal
Ellen Smith
Jenny Smith
Heidi Solheim
Tara Songer
Tim Soy
Brian Sponcil
Jim Stanford

Tim Stenberg
Patti Stevens
Cathy Stidwell
Kurt Strong
Mike Sudbeck
Joe Surber
Chris Swanson
Sara Sweeney



New friendships continue on

"I never knew it was you," screamed an excited sophomore girl when she found out who her Big Sis was.

The Big Sis/Little Sis program was organized to welcome sophomore girls and make them more comfortable at the high school.

Sophomore Jill Dasher said, "I really enjoyed having a Big Sis, she made the beginning of my sophomore year a lot more fun!"

Sophomores were in suspense for the first six weeks of school. A discovery night was held and the juniors and seniors took their Little Sisses out to unmask themselves. A party at Hickory Park was planned, but most people took their Little Sisses out on their own.

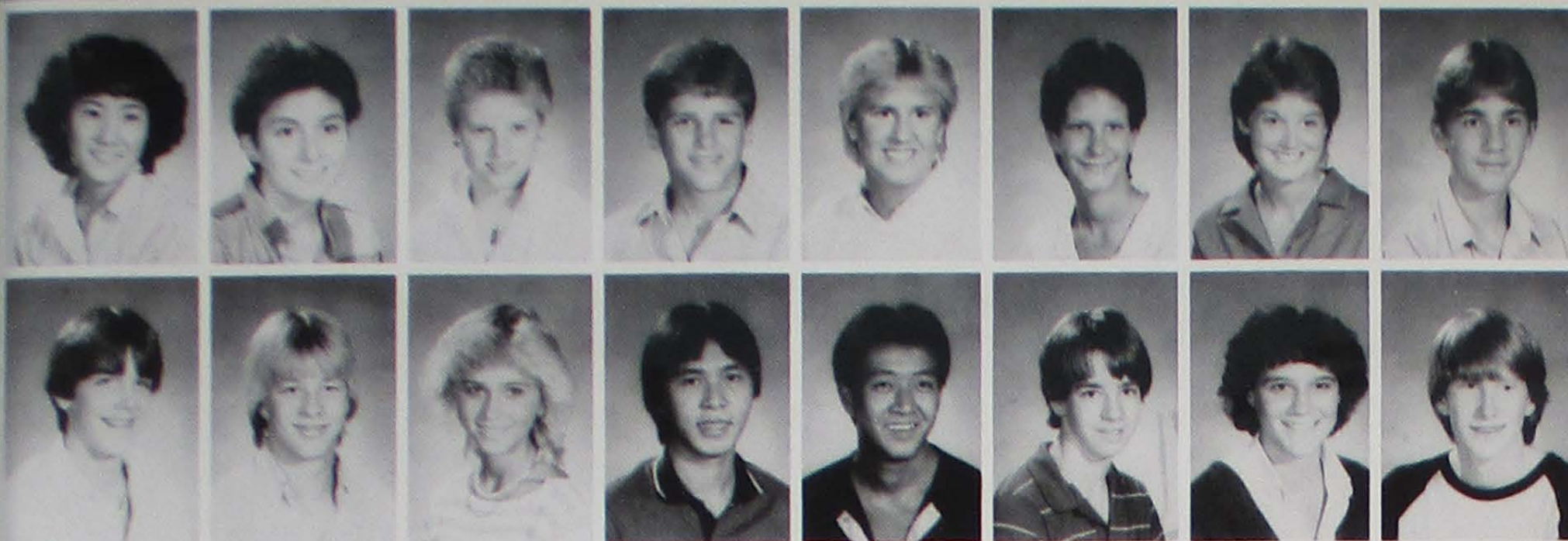
The juniors and seniors worked hard at planning their discovery nights. Sophomore Susan Huss said, "I was busy on discovering night, so my Big Sis, senior Lisa Huber, took me out for breakfast at the Village Inn where the entire football team was eating."

To most juniors, it was quite a change to be on the other end after being showered with gifts and notes as a sophomore the year before. "It was a lot different this year being a Big Sis. It was really fun, but also a lot more work than I expected," said junior Kim Ebbers.

One problem that juniors faced was that seniors had advantages over them on choosing who their Little Sis was. Junior Cathy Stidwell said, "Being a junior, I didn't get any of my first choices for a Little Sis, but I really enjoyed the one that I did get."

When asked if she was planning on participating in the Big Sis/Little Sis program as a senior, junior Diane Bortz said, "Of course!" I had a great time being the Big Sis this year."





Susanne Tachibana
Melinda Taschetta
Sara Tett
Bob Thompson
Julie Thompson
Laura Thompson
Lisa Tice
Tim Titus

Rick Tjarks
Rich Torgeson
Agnes Toth
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T.J. Turnage
Rachel Ulrichson
Jeff Vallier

Gerrit VandeWetering
Rob VanEffen
Amy Verhoeven
Carolyn Vernon

STILL HELPING OUT. Big Sis/Little Sis obligations don't end after discovery night. Junior Kelly Dasher helps her Little Sis sophomore Stacy Morrison with her geometry assignment. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)

FINDING OUT WHO'S WHO. Having dinner together, Junior LuAnne Forssman and her Little Sis, Sophomore Julie Jorgenson laugh with Junior Suzanne Tachibana over discovery night pranks. (Photo by Vel Randic.)



Not Pictured

Lars Andersin
Nathan Beattie
Sherry Bendickson
Chris Brice
Chris Briellard
Dianna Brown
Mark Cunningham
Deanne Hummel
Gilberto Hung
Khoa Van Huynh
Debbie Johns
Pat Kenworthy
Peter Liu
Robert Lynch
Katy Magee
Mike Millsapps
Bjorn Morken
Greg Sieber
Nang Sounthanayong
Leslie Stern
Dave Stokka
Bruce Stout
Joel Tesdall
Sarah Thomas
Chris Underwood
Christin VeVerka
Shawnda Vetterick
Angie Wheeler



Matt Walsh
Sean Watt
Tom Weible
Tara Wendel

Jenny Wengert
Jason Wheelock
David White
Greg White

Becky Whitmer
Mike Whitney
Leslie Wilson
Kathy Windsor

Mari Wittmer
Michele Wohlert
Shawn Wolfe
Kevin Wolters

Todd Wood
Karen Yates
Mark Yates
Robert Yoerger

Lisa Young
Marsha Zimbeck
Melissa Zimmerman
Bann Zori

Charles Abbott
Steven Abel
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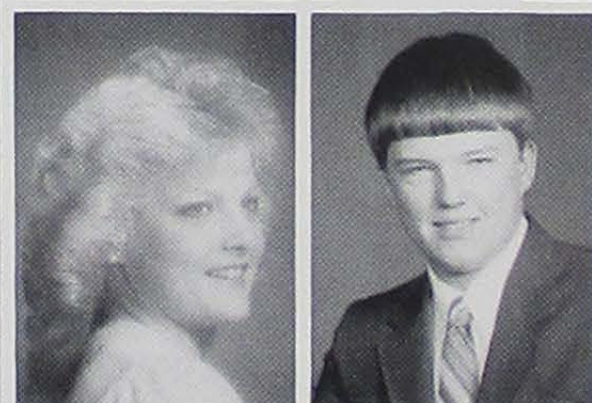
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Alisa Lynn Black
Tracy Blackmer



Jennifer Bower
Jenny Bradshaw



Brenda Briley
Kathryn Brockman



Trying it out

"You'll never know if you don't try." This familiar advice was heard and followed by many seniors during their last year. Many students made decisions to partake in something they'd never done before.

Opportunity to learn something new was abundant. "My father had wanted me to join the golf team for a long time. He said it would be something I could use for the rest of my life," said senior Adrienne Erbach.

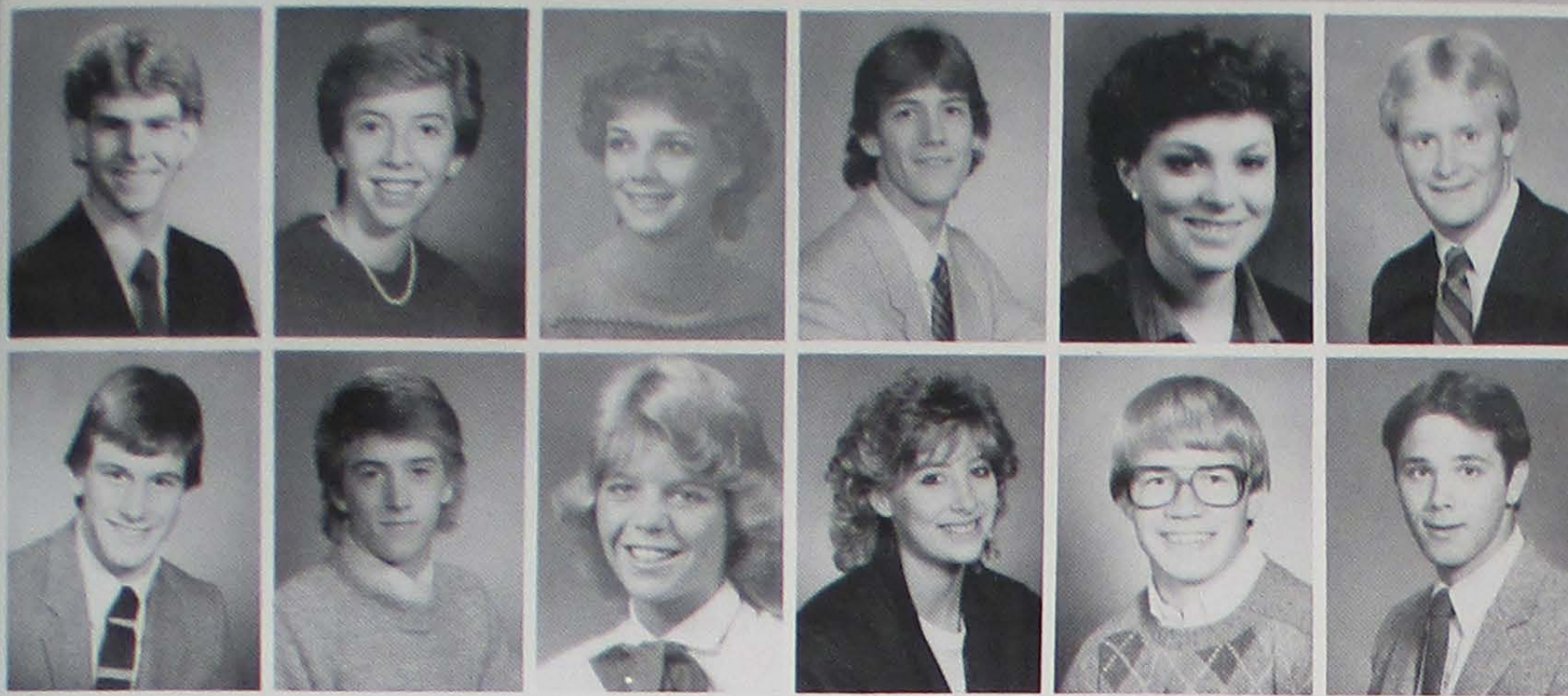
Students who had been in certain groups in the past decided that they would get more involved. "I have a little buddy at Wilson-Beardshear who's a kill. We've become good friends and I feel fortunate to have her unique point of view on life," said senior Holly Westberg.

Social activities such as I-Ball were swamped with first-time seniors. "I played I-Ball because I was finally as big as the other guys. My team was really wild and we had a lot of fun, but didn't aim to win," said senior Andy Balinsky.

With all the activities offered, many students couldn't find room to do them until their senior year. "I went to Spain because it was the last year I could go with people my own age," said senior Sonya Powers.

After rearranging schedules, swallowing their pride, and following through with their tentative plans, many seniors got to experience something new. Some enjoyed it, some hated it, but it could be said that seniors tried it all.





George Brown
Karen Brown
Sherry Brown
James Budd
Janelle Bunde
Jeff Bundy

Jeffrey Burris
James Cable
Anne Campbell
Amy Carey
Alan Carlsborg
Matthew Carney

Credits

Chuck Abbott: football 10; I-ball 10,11,12; golf 12. **Steve Abel:** volunteers 11,12; DECA 12; football 10; cheerleading 11. **Doug Anderson:** football 10,11; I-ball 10,11,12; baseball 10. **Stuart Anderson:** football 10; I-ball 12; wrestling 10. **Mark Andrews:** volunteers 11; student council 10,12; student review board 12; football 10; cross country 11,12; track 10,11,12; I-ball 10,12; swimming 11; marching band 10, 11, 12; jazz band 10,11,12; concert band 10, 11,12; pep band 10,11,12. **Pete Archbold:** football 10; I-ball 10,11,12; baseball 10,11,12. **Scott Armstrong:** I-ball 12; tennis 11,12. **Charles Arnold:** volunteers 12; football 10,11,12; powderpuff coach 12. **Andy Balinsky:** student council 11,12; tennis 11,12; speech club 12. **Christina Baratta:** junior exec.; senior girls' club; Terpsichore dancer 10,11,12; Terpsichore choreographer 12; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 11,12; speech club 10. **Lynnette Bauge:** volunteers 10,11,12; Powderpuff 10,11; OEA 12; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10. **David Beltz:** volunteers 10,12; football 10,11; I-ball 12; baseball 10,11,12; wrestling 10,11,12. **David Benna:** volunteers 11; T&I 12; I-ball 11; golf 10,11; concert choir 10,11,12. **Chris Benson:** volunteers 10,11,12; student council 12; track 10,11,12; SPIRIT staff 12; football 10,11,12; DECA 12; Powderpuff coach 12; I-ball 10,11,12; baseball 10,11,12. **Jean Benson:** library assistant 10,11; OEA 12; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10,11,12; marching band 10,11,12; varsity band 10; concert band 11,12; pep band 11,12. **April Bleefeldt:** DECA 12; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 11; publicity crew 10,11; South Pacific cast 10; Chorus 10. **Traci Bird:** Scratch Pad board 12; Terpsichore dancer 12; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10,11. **Lori Birdseye:** volunteers 11,12; cross country 10,11,12; Track 10,11,12; Cheerleading 10,11,12; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10,11,12. **Jennifer Bower:** volunteers 10,11,12; student council 10,11,12 (sec.); SPIRIT STAFF 12; WEB staff 12; AHS update 12; junior exec.; Terpsichore

dancer 10,11,12; Terpsichore choreographer 11,12; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 11; cheerleader 10,11,12(cap.); speech club 11,12. **Jenny Bradshaw:** Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10,11,12; Orchestra 10,11,12; chamber orchestra 10; pit orchestra 11; VPr 12. **Brenda Briley:** volunteers 11,12; cheerleader 12; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 11,12; chorus 10. **Kathy Brockman:** volunteers 11,12; Powderpuff 11,12; cheerleader 11; Mat maids 12; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10,11,12; play crews House of Blue Leaves, Oklahoma, Bury the Dead, 10,11,12; play casts House of Blue Leaves, Oklahoma, Bury the Dead, 10,11. **Gordon Brown:** lab assistant 10; I-ball 11,12; concert band 11,12; varsity band 10; pep band 11,12; Dixieland band 12; jazz band 11,12; marching band 10,11,12; concert choir 11,12. **Karen Brown:** volunteers 11,12; Student Council 11,12; Student Review Board 12; Terpsichore 12; Powderpuff 11,12; cross country 10, track 10,11,12; I-ball 12(Cap.); cheerleader 10,11,12; Mat Maids 12; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10,11,12; pompom in Veishea parade 11. **Sherry Brown:** volunteers 10,11,12, OEA 12; Powderpuff 11; Mat maids 11. **James Budd:** volunteers 12; football 10; track 10; basketball 10; I-ball 10,11,12; baseball 11. **Janelle Bunde:** Powderpuff 12; I-ball 11,12; Big-Sis/Lil' Sis 12; play crews Oklahoma, Bury the Dead, 11; marching band 10,11; concert band 10,11. **Jeff Bundy:** volunteers 10,11,12; Student Council 10,11; football 10,11,12; Powderpuff 12 (coach); basketball 10; I-ball 11,12; baseball 10,11,12. **Jeffrey Burris:** lab assistant 10; cross country 10,11,12; track 10,11,12; basketball 10,11,12. **Anne Campbell:** volunteers 11,12; DECA 12; I-ball 11; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10,11. **Alan Carlsborg:** Orchestra 10,11,12. **Matthew Carney:** football 10,11,12; Powderpuff 12 (coach); track 11,12; basketball 10,11,12; I-ball 12; baseball 10; wrestling 12;



IT'S A KICK Member of a high school indoor soccer team, senior Jerry Schrag warms up his moves before a game. Many students participated in unique sports not offered by the school. (Photo by Patty Huss)

TAKING A BREAK Dressed in their beach attire for Homecoming week, seniors Patty Huss and Christina Baratta greet passing students in the hall before their next class. (Photo by Barb Farrar)



Ritchie Chieves
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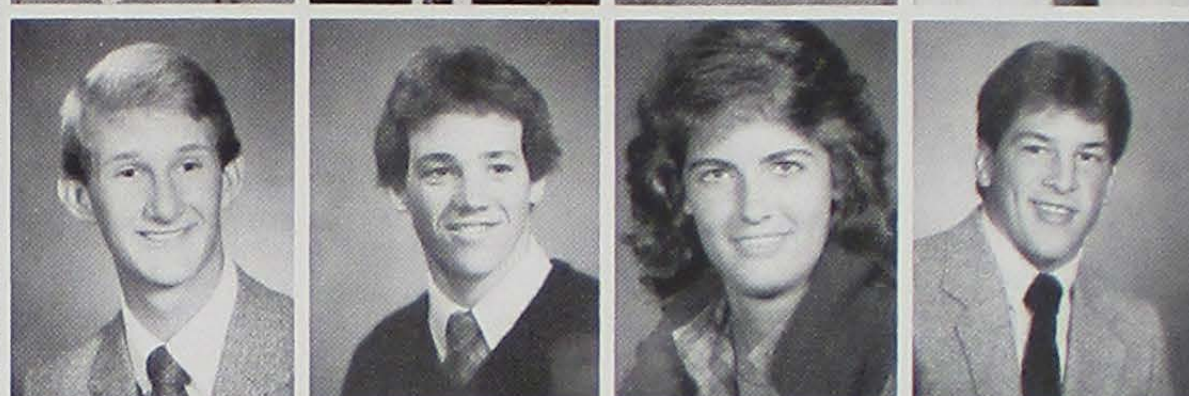
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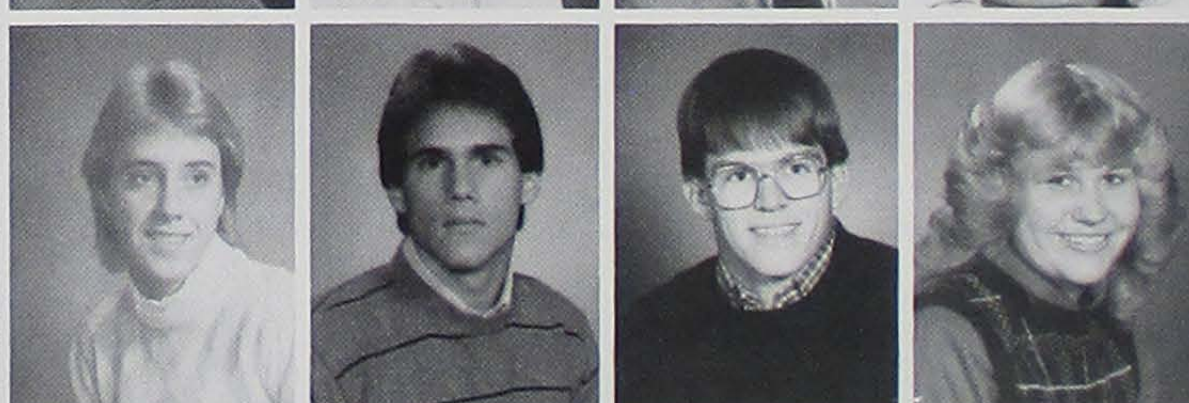
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Stephanie Disbrowe



Anne Dougan
Christie Dunn
Susan Dyer
Kim Dykema





Long days, short nights

Deceived by the usual anticipation of being a senior, with all the social advantages of later curfews and more nights out, many students found that more free time wasn't exactly the case. The pressure to have grades high enough to get into choice colleges was on its last leg; this meant lots of homework for many seniors.

Students who worked part-time jobs and participated in vocational programs also felt high pressure to keep up in school.

"Working at a fast food restaurant until it closed at midnight kept me up late sometimes," said senior Stephanie Hanson. "I didn't get to bed until a few hours later when I still had homework to do."

Many extra-curricular activity opportunities were also time consuming. Participating in athletics, Senior One-Acts, and choreography for the dance show kept students very busy.

"Casting and play rehearsals were all done outside of regular school hours," said John Lee, a director of one of the Senior One-Acts. "For example, one night we were working at school until after 10 p.m."

Most students found that a school night without something to do was a dream that rarely came true.

BURNING THE CANDLE. Staying up late to do homework was common practice for many seniors. Senior Andy Balinsky was no stranger to the late night hours (Photo by Vel Randic)

NIGHT SHIFT. Working late at Taco Time, Senior Jeff Fettes often stayed up after midnight on school nights. Jeff was one of many students who had a part-time job at night. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

GET IT RIGHT. Rehearsals for Terpsichore often ran late into the night as dancers worked on perfecting their dances. Senior Susan Thompson leads her dancers during a rehearsal. (Photo by Vel Randic)



Credits

Ritchie Chieves: Volunteers 10,11,12; DECA; Football 10; I-ball 10,11,12; Baseball 10,11,12; Powderpuff cheerleader 12. **Kris Childs:** Volunteers 10,11,12; DECA 12; Powderpuff 11,12; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10,11. **Karen DeAnn Christenson:** Volunteers 11,12; WEB Staff 12; Powderpuff 12; Mat Maids 11,12; Twirler 11,12; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10,11. **Christopher Cicci:** EBCE. **Jamie Clark:** DECA 12; Football 10; Powderpuff coach 12; I-ball 10,11,12; Baseball 10. **Jeffrey Todd Coe:** I-ball 10,11,12; Golf 10,11,12. **Shawn David Coffman:** Wrestling 10. **Sandy Collins:** Volunteers 11,12; T&I 12; VICA 12; Cheerleader 12; Flag Corps 10,11,12 (Cap.); Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 12; Band 11,12. **Susan Colwell:** Volunteers 10,11,12; Student Council 10,11,12; WEB Staff 12; Senior Senate; Terpsichore dancer 10,11,12; Powderpuff 10,11,12; Cheerleader 10; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10,11. **Tim Comstock:** Swimming 10,11; Play Cast *Play It Again Sam* 11; Jazz Band I,II 10,11,12; Pep Band 10,11; Concert Band 10,11,12. **Shaun Connolly:** Senior Senate; Junior Exec.; Terpsichore dancer 12; I-ball 12; Swimming 10; Cheerleader 11,12; *South Pacific* cast 10; Sophomore Chorus. **Steve Cook:** Volunteers 10,11; Terpsichore dancer 12; Football 10; I-ball 10,11,12; Baseball 10,11,12; Hockey 10,11,12. **Molly Craft:** Volunteers 10,11,12; Student Council 11,12; Senior Senate; Junior Exec.; DECA 12; Powderpuff 10,11,12; Track 10,11,12; Swimming 10; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10,11,12. **Mark Criner:** Volunteers 11,12; Student Council 11; Football 11,12; Powderpuff coach 12; Track 11,12; I-ball 11,12. **Joseph Crudele:** Swimming 10,11. **Meikka Cutlip:** Volunteers 10,11,12; Flag Corps 10; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10,11; Speech Club 12; Play crews make-up 10,11; costume 10; scenery 10; Play cast *South Pacific* 10; *Oklahoma!* 11; *Warrior's Husband* 12; Marching Band 10; Varsity Band 10; Sophomore Chorus; Treble Pops Choir 11. **Kirsten Daddow:** Volunteers 12; Student Review Board 10; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10,11; Speech Club 10,11,12; Sophomore Chorus 10. **Jayme Dahlke:** T&I 12; Football 10,11; Track 10,11; I-ball 12; Baseball 10. **Stacy Dalton:** Volunteers 10,11,12; Student Council 10,11,12; SPIRIT Staff 11; Senior Senate (Sec.); Terpsichore dancer 10,11,12; Powderpuff 10,11,12; Track 10,11; I-ball 10; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10,11,12. **Lisa Davis:** Volunteers 10,11,12; Health Occupations 12; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10; Concert Band 10,11,12; Marching Band 10,11,12. **David Dearin:** Volunteers 11,12; SPIRIT Staff 12; Scratch Pad Board 11,12(Ed.); Student Tutor 10,11,12; Speech Club 10,11,12(Pr); Play crews scenery 10,11; publicity 12; props 10,11; Play casts *South Pacific* 10, *Bury the Dead*, *Next*, *Oklahoma!* 11, *Warrior's Husband* 12; Madrigal Choir 10,11,12; Sophomore Chorus 10; Concert Choir 10,11,12. **Jane Derks:** Volunteers 12; Powderpuff 12; I-ball 10,11,12; Softball 10; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 12. **Bob Devens:** Volunteers 10,11,12; Student Council 10,11,12; Student Review Board 12; Senior Senate; Lab Assistant 12; Terpsichore dancer 12; Health Occupations 12; Football 10,11,12; Powderpuff coach 12; Track 12; Basketball 10,11,12; Baseball 10,11,12; Hockey 10. **Stephen Dinsmore:** Lab Assistant 10,11,12; Swimming 10,11,12. **Stephanie Disbrowe:** Volunteers 10,11; DECA 12; Powderpuff 10,11; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 11. **Anne Dougan:** Volunteers 12; Terpsichore dancer 12; Powderpuff 10; Gymnastics 10,11,12; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10,12. **Christie Dunn:** Cross Country 11; Track 10,11,12; Mat Maids 11; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10,11; Sophomore Chorus 10. **Susan Dyer:** DECA 12; Gymnastics 10,11,12; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10,11,12. **Kim Dykema:** Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 11,12.

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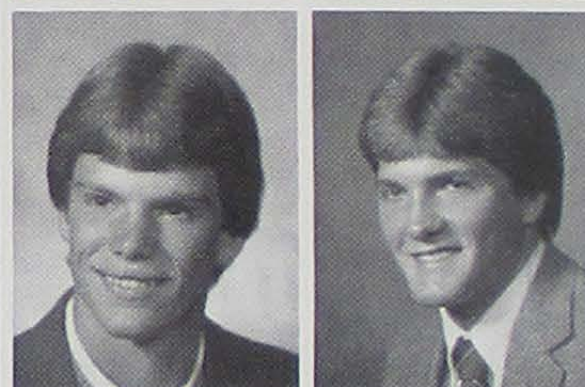
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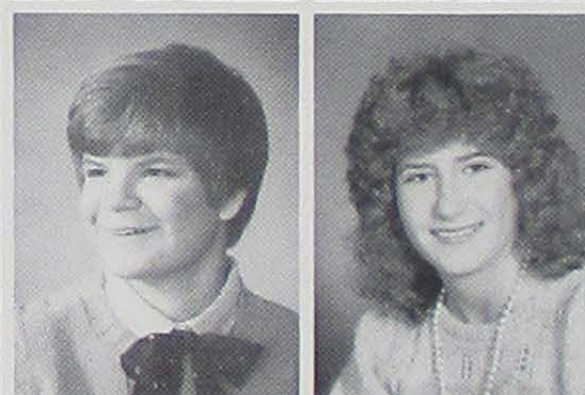
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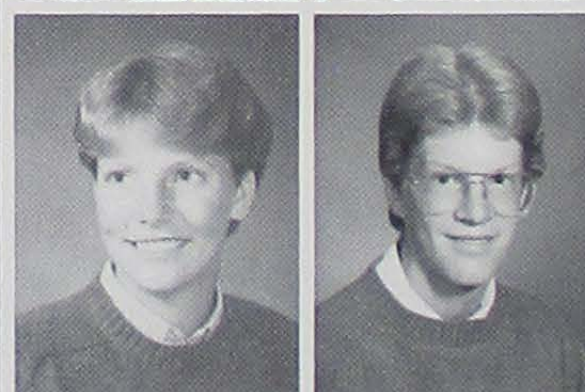
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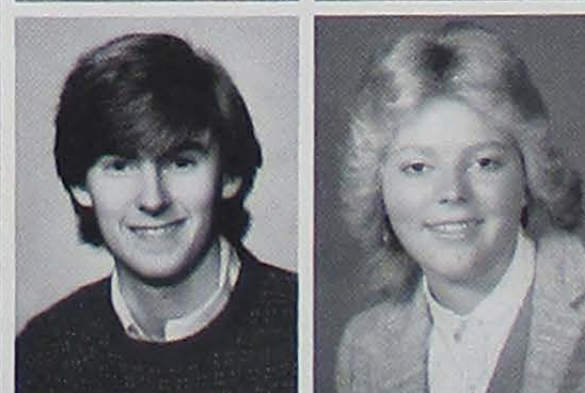
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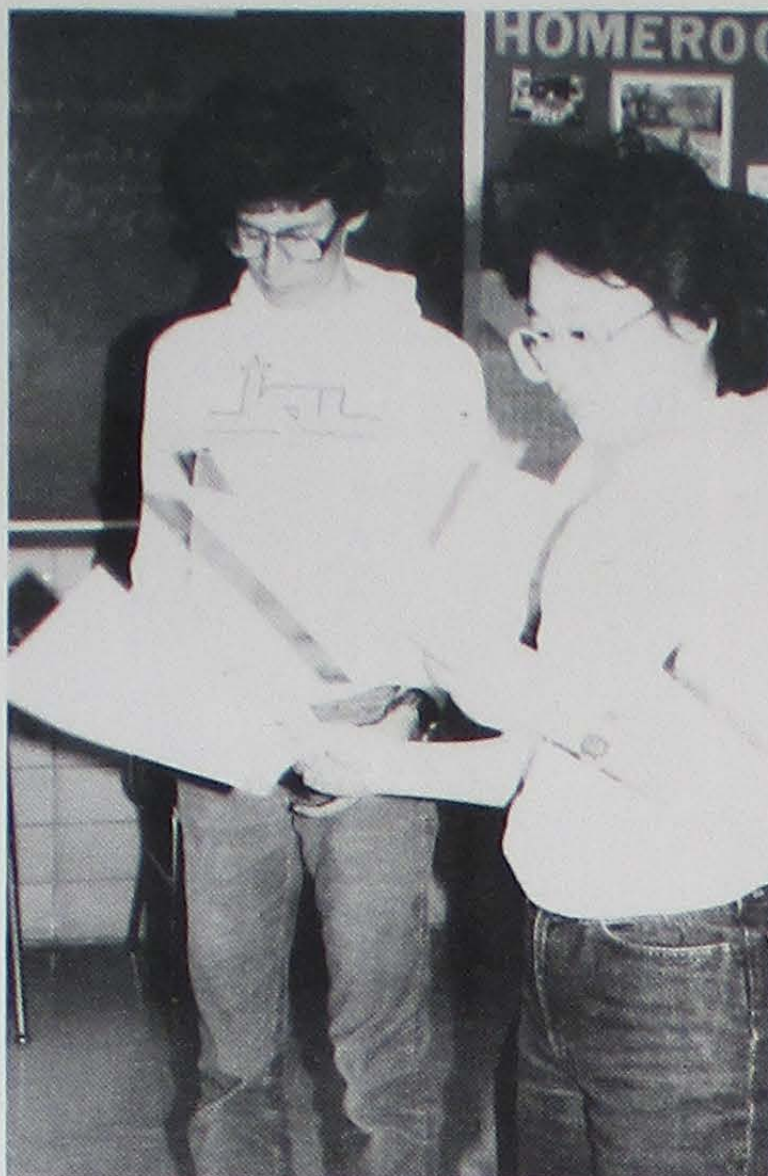


Credits

Roni Sue Eckroad: DECA 12; Big Sis/Lil Sis 11.
Tina Edwards: Terpsichore choreographer 12; Terpsichore dancer 11,12; Flag Corps 10,11,12; Big Sis/Lil Sis 11. **Jamie Elleby:** Volunteer 10,11,12; Rules Comm. 11; Football 10,11,12; Powderpuff coach 12; I-ball 10,11,12; Baseball 10,11,12. **Alan Ellertson:** Golf 12; Wrestling 10. **Gary Elliott:** T&I 12. **Shelly Elsberry:** DECA 12; Cheerleader 10; Big-Sis/Lil Sis 12. **Dan Emmerson:** WEB staff 12; Volunteers 12; Football 10; I-ball 10,11,12; Baseball 10,11,12. **Adrienne Erbach:** Volunteers 11; Stud. Coun. 10; Sr. Senate, Jr. Exec.; Terpsichore dancer 11,12; Band 10; Powderpuff 10,11; Basketball 10,11; I-ball 12; Golf 10,12; Speech Club 11,12. **John Erickson:** WEB staff 12; Football 10; Basketball 10,11; I-ball 12; Baseball 10,11,12. **Troy Evans:** Volunteers 10,11,12; Football 10,11,12; Powderpuff coach 12; Basketball 10,11,12; Baseball 10,11. **Ingrid Ewing:** Band 10,11,12; Concert Band; Pep Band; Jazz Band; Big Sis/Lil Sis 10,11. **Nicole Faas:** Volunteers 11,12; Terpsichore dancer 12; Powderpuff 10,12; I-ball 11; Mat Maids 12; Big Sis/Lil Sis 10,11. **Barb Farrar:** Volunteers 11,12; Orchestra 10,11; All-State 10,11; Stud. Coun. 10,11,12; SPIRIT 11,12; AHS Update 12; Sr. Senate (pres.); Terpsichore dancer 12; Powderpuff 10,12; Basketball 10,11,12; Softball 10,11,12; Tennis 10,11,12; Big Sis/Lil Sis 10,11. **Steve Fehr:** Jazz Band 12; Concert Band 10,11,12; Pep Band 10,11,12; I-ball 10,11,12. **Jim Fenton:** Play crews "South Pacific," "One Acts," Chorus 10; Concert Band 11; Volunteers 10,11,12. **Julie Firnhaber:** Volunteers 10,11,12; Powderpuff 11,12; I-ball 10,11; Big Sis/Lil Sis 10. **Tom Fleener:** AHS Volunteers 10,11,12; Stud. Coun. 11,12 (pres.); Jr. Exec. (tr.); Terpsichore dancer 12; DECA 12; Football 10,11; I-ball 10,11,12; Baseball 10; Wrestling 11,12. **Mike Flohr:** Lab assistant 10; I-ball 10,11,12; Golf 10,11,12. **Andrew Flynn:** Volunteers 11; Lab assistant 10; Wrestling 10,11,12 (mng. cap). **Jamie Folkman:** Volunteers 12; Stud. Coun. 10; Health Occupations 12; Powderpuff 12; Big Sis/Lil Sis 10,11,12; Marching Band 10,11,12; Concert Band 10,11,12. **Julie Ford:** Stud. Coun. 10,11,12; AHS Update 11; Big Sis/Lil Sis 11,12; Thespians 12 (pr); Play casts and crews "South Pacific," "One Acts," "Murder in the Magnolias," "House of Blue Leaves," "Oklahoma," "Bury the Dead," "Play it Again Sam," "The Warrior's Husband," "David & Lisa"; Chorus 10,11; Treble Pops. **Tracy Frank:** I-ball 12; Big Sis/Lil Sis 11,12; Concert Band 10,11,12; Jazz Band 10,11,12; Pep Band 10,11,12; All State Orch. 12; Orch. 10,11,12. **Larry Genalo:** WEB Staff 12; I-ball 12. **Sheri George:** Volunteers 10,11,12; Junior Exec. 11; Cheerleader 10,12; I-ball 12; Powderpuff 10,11; Big Sis/Lil Sis 10,11,12. **April Glist:** Volunteers 12; Swimming 11; Powderpuff 10; Gymnastics 10,11,12 (mng); Big Sis/Lil Sis 10,11,12. **Melissa Goll:** Terpsichore dancer 10,11,12; Big Sis/Lil Sis 10,11,12. **Sue Ann Gonderinger:** Flag Corps 12; Swimming 12; Powderpuff 12; Volunteers 12; Band 11. **Geoffrey Goudy:** Football Manager 11,12 Powderpuff Coach 12; I-ball 11,12; Baseball 12 (mng); Varsity Band 10.

KEEPING BUSY. National Merit Scholars finalists Rowena Young and Andy Balinsky keep busy by participating in Speech Club. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven.)

NOT ALWAYS STUDYING. John Lambert takes a break from studying to participate in the school production *David and Lisa*. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)



NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR FINALISTS. Front Row: Andy Balinsky, Mark Tondra, Bob Smithson, John Lee, Nina Leacock. Back Row: Mark Kernan, Mike Flohr, John Lambert, Kevin James, Mark Oakland, Kristen Reynolds. Not Pictured: Rowena Young. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)

Merit Scholars go to finals

Of the 1.1 million students in the 18,000 U.S. secondary schools that participated in the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT), 13 Ames High students advanced to the finals.

Senior Kevin James said, "It's really nice to know that I'm one of the top in the state academically."

Students entered by taking the PSAT. A screening process was then used to reduce the large number of participants to about five percent of the test takers.

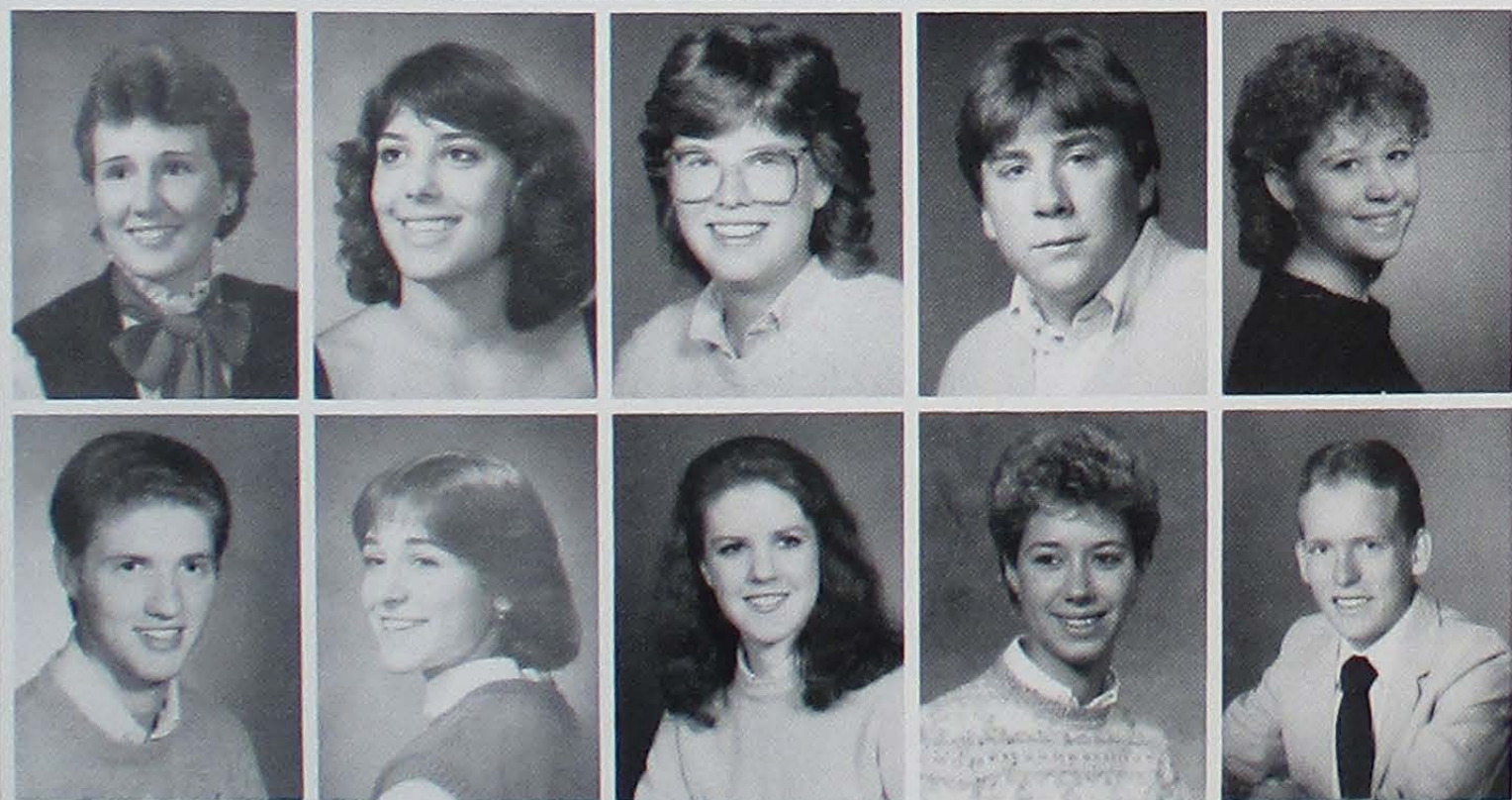
Semifinalists had to meet more requirements before being one of the small group that advanced to the finals.

Finalists then received Certificates of Merit in recognition for this achievement and went on to compete for Merit Scholarships. Only the top thirty-nine percent of these high-performance students won awards.

Kay Garrett, guidance counselor said, "I was really pleased to find out that 13 students were going to the finals." Every finalist competed within his or her own state for one of the non-renewable national awards worth 1,000 dollars.

The students who had the best combination of academic and personal qualifications then became Merit Scholars.

Finalist Mark Tondra summed up with, "I was surprised to find out that I was a finalist. Now I have to cross my fingers and hope to get a scholarship."



Jamie Folkmann
Julie Ford
Tracy Frank
Larry Genalo
Sheri George

Peter Gierasch
April Glist
Melissa Goll
Sue Ann Gondringer
Geoffrey Goudy

Kimberly Grabau
Linda Graver
Lori Green
Mark Haas
Steve Hagemoser
Jackie Hall

Karen Handy
Molly Hanke
Kevin Hansen
Mark Hanson
Stephanie Hanson
Christopher Harden

Jeff Hartman
Mark Haviland
Sheryl Hayes
Amy Healey
Mary Hegland
Donna Heim

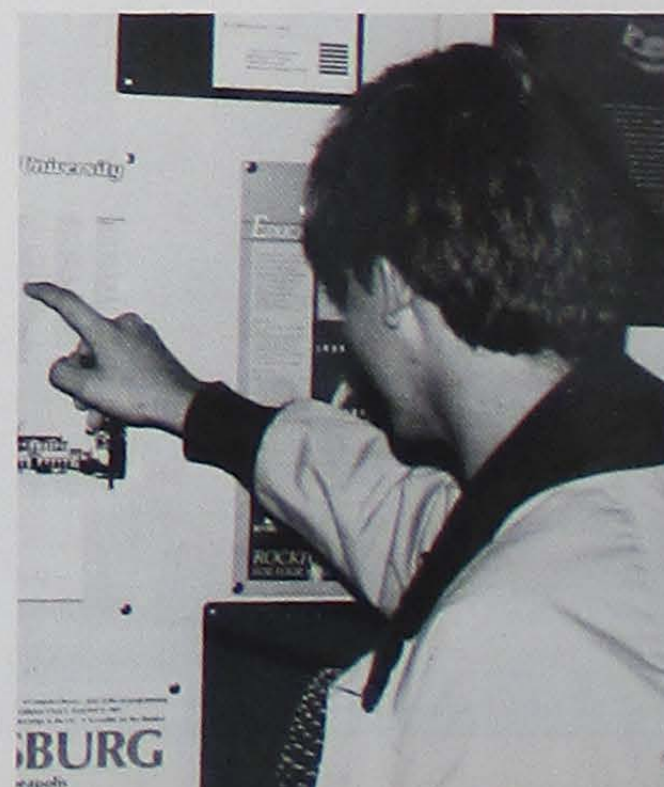


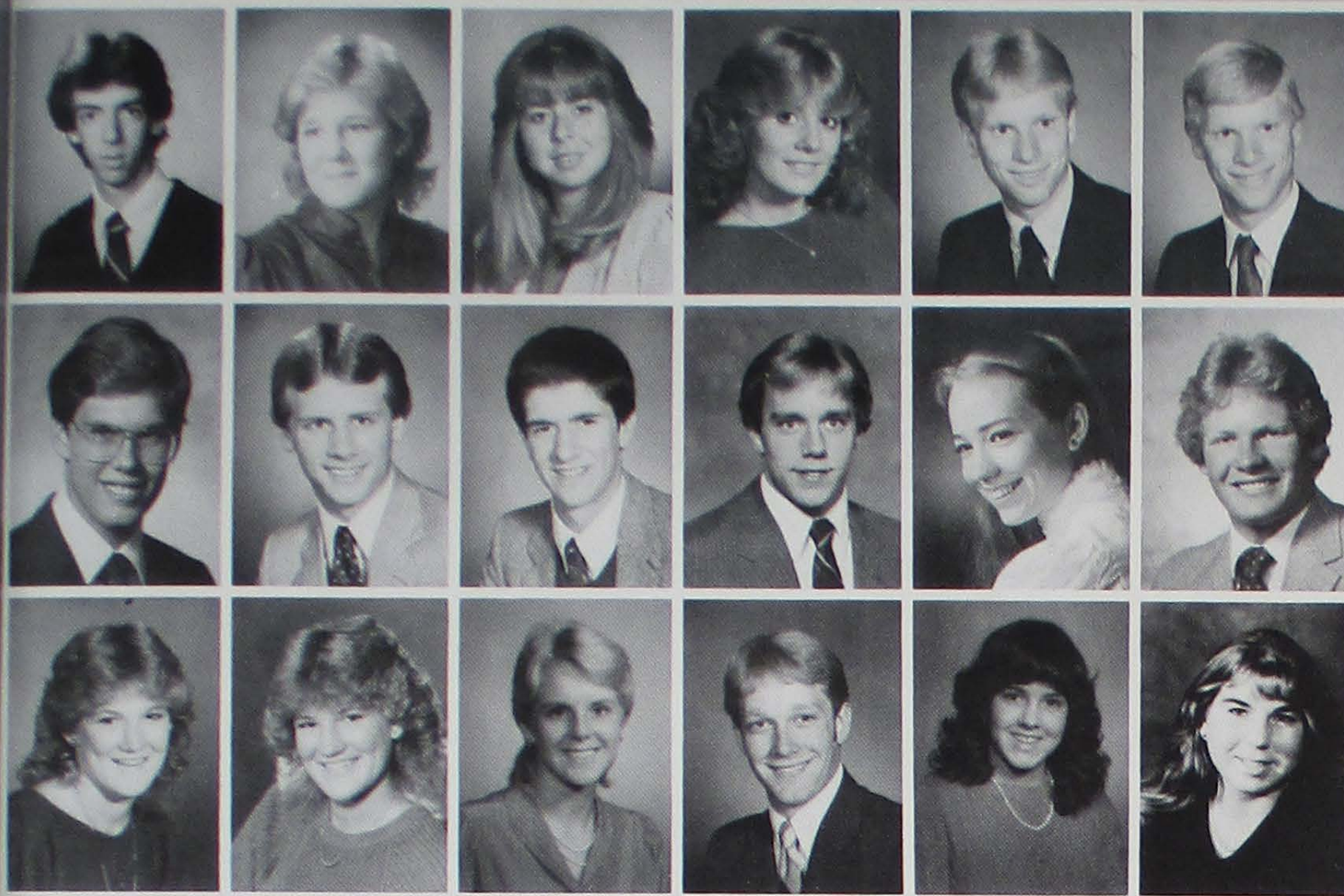
Credits

Kimberly Grabau: Volunteers 11,12; Powderpuff 10; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 12; Chorus 10. **Linda Graver:** Mat Maids 10,11; Volunteers 11,12; Student Council 10,11,12; Powderpuff 12; Terpsichore dancer 10,11,12; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10,11,12; Senior Girls' Club; Play Crews 11,12; Speech Club 11,12; Play Casts, *Oklahoma*, *Bury the Dead*, *One Acts* 11,12; Varsity Band 10,11,12; Concert Band 12; Marching Band 10,11,12; Pep Band 12; Chorus 10,11; Choir 11. **Lori Green:** Cross Country 10,11,12; Volunteers 11,12; Track 10,11,12; Mat Maids 11,12; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10,11. **Mark Haas:** Student Council 12; Track 10,11,12; Football 10,11; Senior Senate; Wrestling 12. **Jackie Hall:** Track 11; Powderpuff 11; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10,11. **Karen Handy:** Twirler 12; T&I 12. **Molly Hanke:** Volunteers 10,11; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 11; OEA 12. **Kevin Hansen:** Football 10,11,12; Powderpuff Coach 12; Track 10; I-ball 10,11,12; Baseball 10,11,12. **Mark Hanson:** Volunteers 11; AHS Update 11,12; I-ball 12; Play Casts, *South Pacific*; Jazz Band; Pep Band; Concert Band; Marching Band 10,11,12. **Stephanie Hanson:** Volunteers 11,12; Student Council 12; Senior Senate; Flag Corps 10,11,12; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10; Play Crews, *South Pacific*, *Murder in the Magnolias*, *Oklahoma*, *Warrior's Husband*, *David & Lisa*, *One Acts*; Play Casts, *South Pacific*, *Murder in the Magnolias*, *Oklahoma*, *Warrior's Husband*, *One Acts*; Marching Band 10,11,12. **Jeff Hartman:** Volunteers 11,12; Student Council 11; Cross Country 11,12; Track 10,11,12; I-ball 10,11,12. **Mark Haviland:** I-ball 10,11,12; Play Crews, 10,11,12; Marching Band 10,11,12; Pep Band 10,11; Varsity Band 10; Concert Band 11,12; Jazz Band 12. **Amy Healey:** Volunteers 10,11,12; WEB Staff 12; Powderpuff 10; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10,11,12. **Mary Hegland:** Volunteers 10,11,12; Cross Country 10; Powderpuff 11,12; I-ball 11; Mat Maids 11,12; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 11,12. **Donna Heim:** Volunteers 11,12; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10; OEA 12; Varsity Band 10; Marching Band

10. **Mike Hemme:** Volunteers 10,11. **Melinda Hendrickson:** Powderpuff 12; I-ball 12; Tennis 10,11,12; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10,11,12. **Sandra Herrera:** Volunteers 12; Flag Corps 12. **Kelly Hiatt:** Volunteers 10; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10,11. **Chris Hill:** Cross Country 10,11,12; Track 10,11,12; I-ball 10,11,12(cap); Play Crews, *Murder in the Magnolias*. **Jerry Hill:** Football 10,11,12; Track 10,11,12; Powderpuff Coach 12; Cross Country 10; I-ball 10,11,12; SPIRIT Staff 12; Junior Exec.; Terpsichore dancer 11; Play Crews, *The House of Blue Leaves*, *Oklahoma*, *South Pacific*, *Bury the Dead*, *Murder in the Magnolias*; Play Casts, *Murder in the Magnolias*, *Bury the Dead*; Marching Band 10; Jazz Band 11,12; Varsity Band 10; Concert Band 11,12. **Mark Hillson:** EBCE 12. **Darin Hinderaker:** Football 10; Track 10,11; Y&I 12; VICA 12. **Kurtis Hockman:** Track 10,11,12; Volunteers 11,12; Football 10,11,12; I-ball 11,12; Baseball 10,11. **Kristine Hoepner:** SPIRIT Staff 11; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10,11. **Richard Holst:** Volunteers 10,12; I-ball 12; Football 10,11,12; Powderpuff Coach 12; T&I 12; VICA 12. **Teri Holtz:** I-Ball 10,12; Volunteers 10,11,12; Powderpuff 10; Track 10,11,12; Swimming 10; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 12; DECA 12. **Tracy Holtz:** Powderpuff 10; Track 10,11; Gymnastics 10(mng); Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 12; Health Occupations 12. **Lisa Huber:** Volunteers 10,11; WEB Staff 12; SPIRIT Staff 11,12; Terpsichore dancer 10,11,12; I-ball 10,11,12; Powderpuff 10,11,12; Tennis 10,11,12; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10,12. **Rich Humphrey:** Football 10,11,12; Powderpuff Coach 12; Track 10; I-ball 10,11; Wrestling 10,11,12. **Karen Hunter:** Junior Exec.; Volunteers 10,11,12; Senior Girls' Club; DECA 12; Cheerleader 10,11,12; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 11,12. **Patricia Huss:** Student Council 10; Volunteers 10,11,12; SPIRIT Staff 11,12; Senior Girls' Club; Terpsichore Dancer 11,12; Powderpuff 10,11,12; I-ball 10,11,12; Softball 10; Golf 10,11,12; Cheerleader 11; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10,11,12.

CHECKING 'EM OUT. Searching for an application deadline, senior Steve Rhoades checks a list of dates. Information on different colleges was posted in the guidance center. (Photo by Barb Farrar)





Mike Hemme
Melinda Hendrickson
Sandra Herrera
Kelly Hiatt
Chris Hill
Jerry Hill

Mark Hillson
Darin Hinderaker
James Hockett
Kurt Hockman
Kristine Hoepner
Richard Holst

Tracy Holtz
Teri Holtz
Lisa Huber
Rich Humphrey
Karen Hunter
Patricia Huss

The work before college

Standardized tests were never fun, but taking them was a big concern for seniors. The tests were taken to determine a student's skills in various subjects. Many colleges based their admission on the scores.

"You have to have them to get into most colleges, and unless you're a lucky guesser, they reflect your abilities fairly well," said senior Steve Rhoades.

All seniors who were surveyed had taken at least one of the tests, although not everyone felt as positive toward them. "I don't think they're a good judge of what you can do because there's too much test and too little

time," said senior Brian Meeks.

The most prominent concern for many seniors was choosing a college. A number of colleges mailed advertisements to encourage students to apply. Students dealt with their mail in a variety of ways. "I have all of mine alphabetically organized in a box," said senior Lori Green.

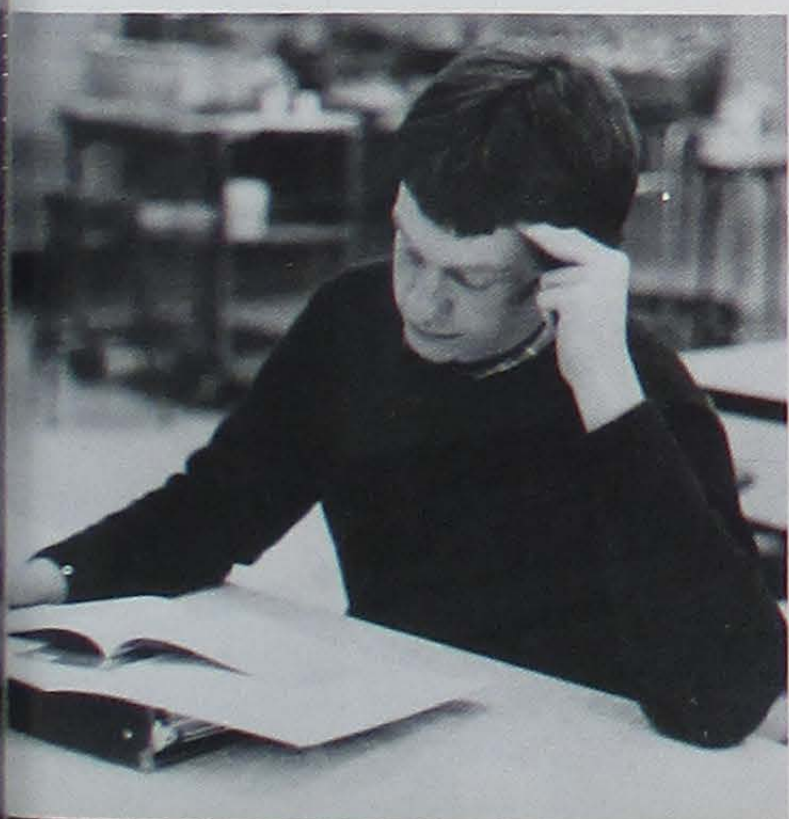
On the other hand, many of the recipients felt that most of the mail was a pain. "Half of mine go in the garbage can. They're from schools I've never heard of before," commented senior Lori Birdseye.

"It's a disappointment. You think it's going to be a letter from a friend and then it turns out to be from a dumpy little college," said senior Kate Seagrave.

As unavoidable as the letters were, most seniors welcomed them with; "At least it's mail."



FILLING IN THE DOTS. Senior Jim Budd receives help from his counselor, Bud Legg in completing his ACT registration form. (Photo by Vel Randic.)



READING UP. John Kolmer reads information on prospective colleges before he makes his choice. Seniors usually applied to more than one school. (Photo by Vel Randic.)

Amy Hutter
Kevin James
Deanne Jamison
Bruce Jarvis
Becky Johnson
Michelle Johnston

Rodney Jones
Susan Jons
Mark Junk
Robert Kahler
Alissa Kaplan
Charles Kauzlarich



Amy Hutter: Senior Senate 12; Health occupations 12; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10,11; **Kevin James:** Lab assistant 10; I-ball 12; Play crews (scenery) 10,11,12; Play casts South Pacific, Oklahoma, One Acts 10,11,12; Sophomore chorus; **Deanne Jamison:** Volunteers 10,11,12; DECA 12; Powderpuff 10; Track 10; I-ball 10,11,12; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10,11,12; **Bruce Jarvis:** Volunteers 10,11,12; Football 10, 11,12; Wrestling 10,11,12; **Becky Johnson:** Volunteers 12; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10,11; **Michelle Johnston:** Volunteers 10,11,12; Senior Senate 12; Terpsichore (dancer) 12; Powderpuff 11,12; I-ball 10,11,12; Softball 10,11; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10,11; Choir 10,11,12; Chorus 10,11; Madrigal 10,11,12; Festivals 11,12; Choir council 11; Treble pops 10; **Rodney Jones:** T&I 11; VICA 12; **Susan Jons:** Volunteers 12; SPIRIT staff 12; Senior Girl's Club 12; Gymnastics 10,11; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10,11; **Mark Junk:** T&I 12; VICA 12; **Robert Kahler:** WEB Staff 12; Basketball (manager) 10; I-ball 11,12; Tennis 11,12; **Alissa Kaplan:** WEB staff (editor in chief) 12; Scratch Pad Board 10, (editor in chief 11); Model UN 10; **Charles Kauzlarich:** T&I 12; VICA 12; **Melody Keltner:** Volunteers 10,11,12; DECA 12; Powderpuff 10,11,12; I-ball 10,11; Softball 10; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10,11; **Becky Kemp:** Volunteers 10,11, 12; Student Council 12; Junior Exec.(VPr) 11; Senior Girl's Club 12; Powderpuff 10,12; Cross Country 11; Track 10,11,12; Cheerleading 10; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10,11; **Mark Kernan:**

Volunteers 10,11,12; Student Council 12; AHS Update 12; Track 12; Speech Club 12; Play Crews Oklahoma, Bury the Dead, Play It again, Sam, The Warrior's Husband 11,12; **John Kim:** Student Council 12; Golf 12; **Craig Kinrade:** Track 10,11,12; Basketball 10,11; I-ball 12; **Shannon Kirwan:** Volunteers 10,12; Powderpuff 10; **Marty Kiser:** Volunteers 11,12; WEB Staff 12; AHS Update 12; DECA 12; Football 10,11,12; Powderpuff (coach) 12; Track 10, 11,12; Basketball 10,11; I-ball 12; Baseball 10; **Mark Klonglan:** T&I 12; VICA 12; **Kathanne Knight:** Volunteers 11,12; Senior Girl's Club 12; Terpsichore (dancer) 11,12, (choreographer) 12; Powderpuff 10,12; Mat Maids 12; Big-Sis/Lil' Sis 11; Chorus 10; **Chuck Knox:** Football 10,11,12; Track 10,11,12; I-ball 10,11,12; Baseball 10; **Dan Koch:** Volunteers 10,11,12; Lab Assistant 10; Football 10; Wrestling 10,11,12; **Karen Koellner:** Volunteers 10,12; Student Council 10,11,12; Rules Committee 11; SPIRIT Staff 10,11,12; AHS Update 12; Senior Senate 12; Powderpuff 10,12; Cross Country 10,11 Track 10,11,12; Basketball 10,11,12; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10,12; **Amy Koester:** Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 12; **John Kolmer:** Lab Assistant 10; I-ball 10,11,12; **John Lambert:** Cross Country 11; Track 10; Play Crews Warrior's Husband, David and Lisa 12; Play Casts Warrior's Husband, David and Lisa; **Doug Lastine:** SPIRIT Staff 11, Lab Assistant 10; I-ball 10,11,12; Tennis 11,12; Jazz Band 10,11,12; Pep Band

11,12; Dixieland Band 12; **Kris Lafuska:** Powderpuff 12; Flag Corps 10,11,12; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10,12; **Al Laudencia:** Terpsichore 11,12; Jazz Band 11,12; Dixieland Band 11,12 Drum Corps 11,12; Varsity Band 11; Concert Band 12; **Nina Leacock:** Student Council 12; Powderpuff 12; Track 10; I-ball 10,11,12(Cap.); Diving 10; Model UN 12; Speech Club 11; **John Lee:** I-ball 10,12; Speech Club 11; Play Crews 10,11,12; South Pacific, Times Square, Murder in The Magnolias, House of Blue Leaves, Oklahoma!, Bury the Dead, The Warrior's Husband, David and Lisa, One Acts (85); Play Casts 10,11,12; South Pacific, Times Square, Murder in the Magnolias, House of Blue Leaves, Oklahoma!, Bury the Dead, The Warrior's Husband, One Acts director: A Freak of Nature; Marching Band 10,11,12; Varsity Band 10,11,12; Concert Band 11,12; Jazz Band 10,11,12; Homecoming Band 10,11,12; Sophomore Mixed Chorus 10; Treble Pops Choir; Accompanist; **Lisa Lemanczyk:** Volunteers 11,12; Student Council 10; WEB Staff 12; Powderpuff 11,12; Track 11,2; Basketball 10,11,12; Softball 10,11,12; Golf 10; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10,11; **Sally Lendt:** Volunteers 11,12; WEB Staff 12; Senior Senate 12; Terpsichore (dancer) 11; I-ball 10,11; Swimming 10,11,12; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10,11; Speech Clb 11,12; **Jana Long:** T&I 12; VICA 12;

Waiting was the hardest part

With senior pictures taken, and blue card day out of the way seniors began the countdown to graduation. Senior Jamie Elleby reflected the opinion of many students, "As fast as the school year is going so far, graduation seems right around the corner."

While preparing for graduation, some seniors discovered they needed to pick up a few extra credits and class electives. Senior Dana Seehafer said, "With only a semester to go, I feel like relaxing and just waiting for graduation, but I still have a lot to do for school and getting ready for college."

Instead of "blowing off" classes, sen-

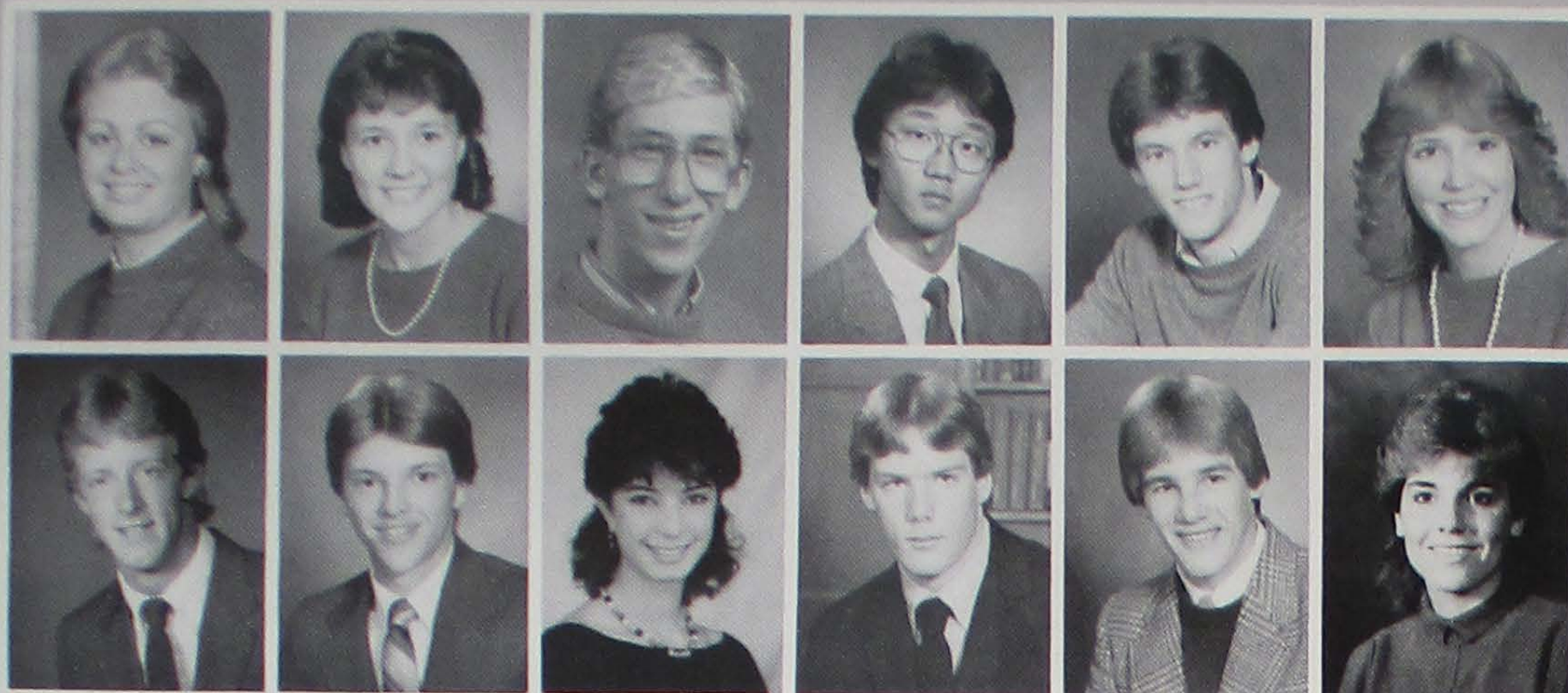
iors often found themselves busier than anticipated with college applications and entrance exams. "Colleges make it sound as if graduation is really close," explained senior Julie Stoecker, "but, when you're back in class you unfortunately realize how much you still have to do."

Regardless of their schedule and outlook, many seniors feelings were summed up the same way. "I'm so anxious for graduation to finally be here, that it is taking forever," said senior Lisa Lemanczyk, "but, at the same time, it is hard to believe that this is my senior year and that in May I'll leave the high school for the last time."

REVIEWING THE CHOICES. Before investigating colleges, senior Holly Westberg discusses possibilities with her counselor. (photo by Dana Seehafer.)



FILLING REQUIREMENTS. Discussing U.S. policies, senior Chuck Knox converses with Mr. Enquist during Government, a necessary senior elective. (photo by Barb Farrar.)



Melody Keltner
Becky Kemp
Mark Kernan
John Kim
Craig Kinrade
Shannon Kirwan

Marty Kiser
Mark Klonglan
Kathranne Knight
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Dan Koch
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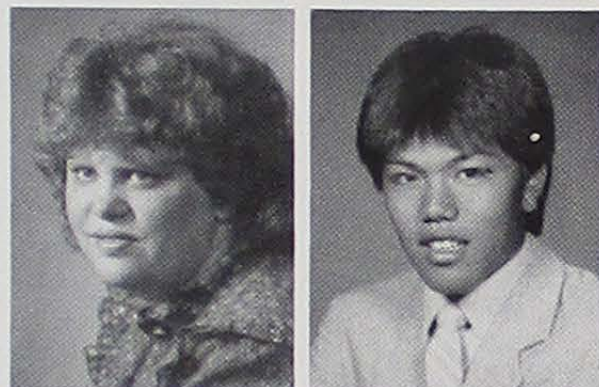
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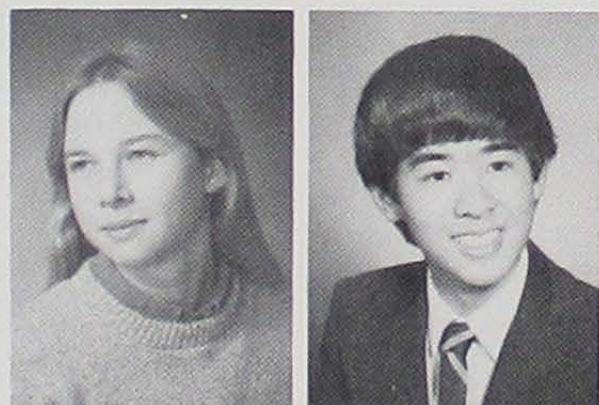
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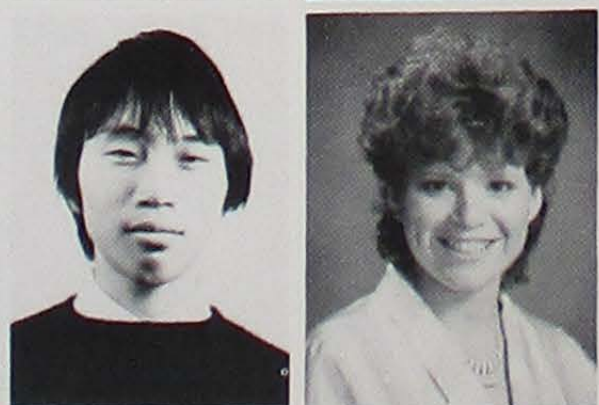
Nina Leacock
John Lee



Lisa Lemanczyk
Sally Lendt



Peter Liu
Jana Long



Laurie Lutz: Volunteers 10; Senior Senate; Junior Exec.; Terpsichore choreographer 12, dancer 10,11; DECA 12; Powderpuff 10; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10,11,12. **Greg Malcolm:** Library Assistant 10; Track 12; I-ball 11,12. **Carol Mallgren:** Scratch Pad Board 10; Senior Senate; Track 10; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10,11; Speech Club 11,12; Play Cast, *South Pacific* 10; Sophomore Mixed Chorus, Concert Choir 11. **Susan Mann:** Volunteers 12; Powderpuff 11,12; I-ball 12; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 11,12. **Diane Martin:** Powderpuff 11,12; Mat Maids 11,12; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10,11,12. **Tom McConnell:** Volunteers 11,12; Terpsichore choreographer 11,12, dancer 10,11,12; Cross Country 10; Track 10,12; I-ball 10,11,12; Cheerleading 11,12; Play Crews. **Shannon McCoy:** Student Council 10,11; Football 10; *AHS Update* 11; Swimming 10,11,12; Terpsichore (dancer) 10,11,12; Play Crews, *House of Blue Leaves*, *South Pacific*, *Oklahoma*, *Play it Again, Sam*, *The Warrior's Husband*, 10,11,12; Play Casts, *South Pacific*, *Oklahoma*, *The Warrior's Husband*, 10,11,12; Concert Band 10,11,12; Jazz Band 10,12; Pep Band 10,11,12; Marching Band 10,11,12; Orchestra 10,11,12(pres). **Sean McNunn:** Volunteers 11,12; Football 10; Hockey 10,11,12; OEA 12. **David Meany:** I-ball 11,12. **Kim Meas:** Library Assistant 10. **Brian Meeks:** I-ball 11,12; Tennis 10,11,12; DECA 12. **Katharine Middleton:** Track 10,11,12; I-ball 10,11,12(cap); Swimming 10,11,12(cap); Senior Senate 12; Junior Exec.; Concert Band 10,11,12; Marching Band 10,11,12. **Andy Miller:** Concert Band 10,11, Band 10,11,12; Pep Band 10,11,12; Jazz Band 10,11,12; Pep Combo 11,12; Marching Band 10,11,12; All-State Band 12; Orchestra 10,11; Dixieland Band 11,12. **Jim Miller:** Swimming 10. **Blaine Moats:** I-ball 11,12; DECA 12. **Troy Mooney:** Lab Assistant 10,11; Track 11; I-ball 11,12. **Kathryn Moore:** Volunteers 11,12; Swimming 10,11,12; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10,11,12; Play Crews 10,12; Play Casts, *House of Blue Leaves* 10; Orchestra 10,11,12; Chamber Orchestra 10. **Lisa Moore:** Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10,11; Terpsichore (dancer) 11,12; Terpsichore (choreographer) 12; Play Casts, *One Acts* 11; Marching Band 10,11,12; Concert Band 10,11,12. **Michelle Moore:** OEA 12; Powderpuff 11,12; Cheerleader 10(cap), 11; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10,11,12. **Jeff Munsinger:** Volunteers 11,12; I-ball 11. **Nicolet Murrell:** T&I 12; VICA 12; I-ball 10,11; Powderpuff 11,12; Mat Maids 10; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 11,12. **Amy Myers:** Softball 10,11,12(cap); Powderpuff 12; Track 10,11,12; Basketball 10,11. **Gina Nelson:** Volunteers 10,11; Powderpuff 12; Mat Maids 10,11,12(pres); Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10,11; DECA 12. **Dave Nervig:** Student Council 10; I-ball 10; Golf 12. **Shelly Niederjohn:** OEA 12; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10,11. **Rosalind North:** Volunteers 12; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10,11,12; Varsity Band 10,11; Concert Band 12; Sophomore Chorus. **Tami O'Neal:** Volunteers 10,11; Powderpuff 12; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10,11; DECA 12. **Mark Oakland:** Lab Assistant 10; Concert Band 10,11,12; Pep Band 10,11,12; Marching Band 10,11,12; Jazz Band 10,11,12; Dixieland Band 11,12; Sophomore Chorus; Orchestra 11. **Matt Olsson:** I-ball 10,11,12; T&I 12; VICA 12.

It wasn't all roses

With three years to experience all that high school had to offer, seniors formed opinions of what they liked and disliked.

The most disliked room was restricted study hall. Due to disciplinary actions, students occasionally were forced to spend their free periods studying or staring at the walls in this basement room. "The thought of restricted was my incentive not to get my fourth tardy to homeroom," said senior Julie Slater.

The fifteen-minute silent reading period was considered by most to be a waste of time. "I used my silent reading time to catch up on my sleep," said senior Bob Devens. Others reportedly used this time to finish homework, study for tests, browse through magazines, or even socialize.

Parking lot challenges also received some negative comments, especially from those students who usually arrived at eight o'clock. "I always had to park in the last row and it seemed I had to walk about three miles to get to the school. If I didn't fall on the ice, my ears were frozen by the time I got there," said senior Christina Baratta.

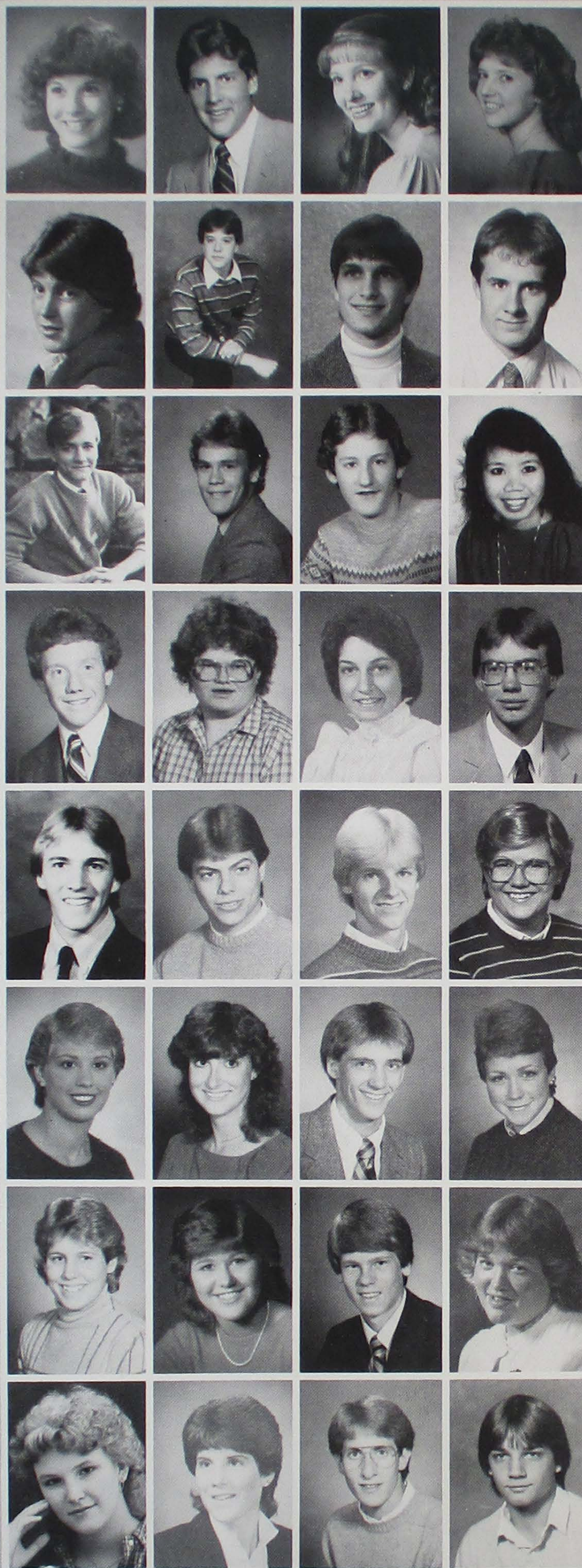
Seniors had more privileges than the sophomores or juniors, and this was reflected in what they liked. Open campus was mentioned most often as a popular aspect of high school. "My open campus pass made me feel like I had some independence," said senior Amy Theile.

The quality of academics and the varied course offerings were also considered very good by most seniors. In talking to admissions counselors, seniors often found that colleges were impressed with the education they had received.

OUT FOR LUNCH. Taking advantage of their open campus passes, seniors Todd Senne and Rob Kahler return to the school after a lunch break. Many seniors enjoyed the privilege of leaving the school when they had a free period. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)

GOING MY WAY? After chatting in the lobby, senior Brett Posegate tries to get Stacy Dalton and Julie Slater to ride with him and Tom Shakeshaft in Posegate's new Camaro Z-28. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)





Laurie Lutz
Gregory Malcom
Carol Mallgren
Susan Mann

Diane Martin
Brett Mather
Tom McConnell
Shannon McCoy

Christopher McKelvey
Sean McNunn
David Meany
Kim Meas

Brian Meeks
Sandy Meyerhoff
Katharine Middleton
Andrew Miller

James Miller
Blaine Moats
Troy Mooney
Kathryn Moore

Lisa Moore
Michele Moore
Jeffrey Munsinger
Nicolet Murrell

Amy Myers
Gina Nelson
David Nervig
Michele Niederjohn

Rosalind North
Tammi O'Neal
Mark Oakland
Matthew Olsson

Becoming an adult

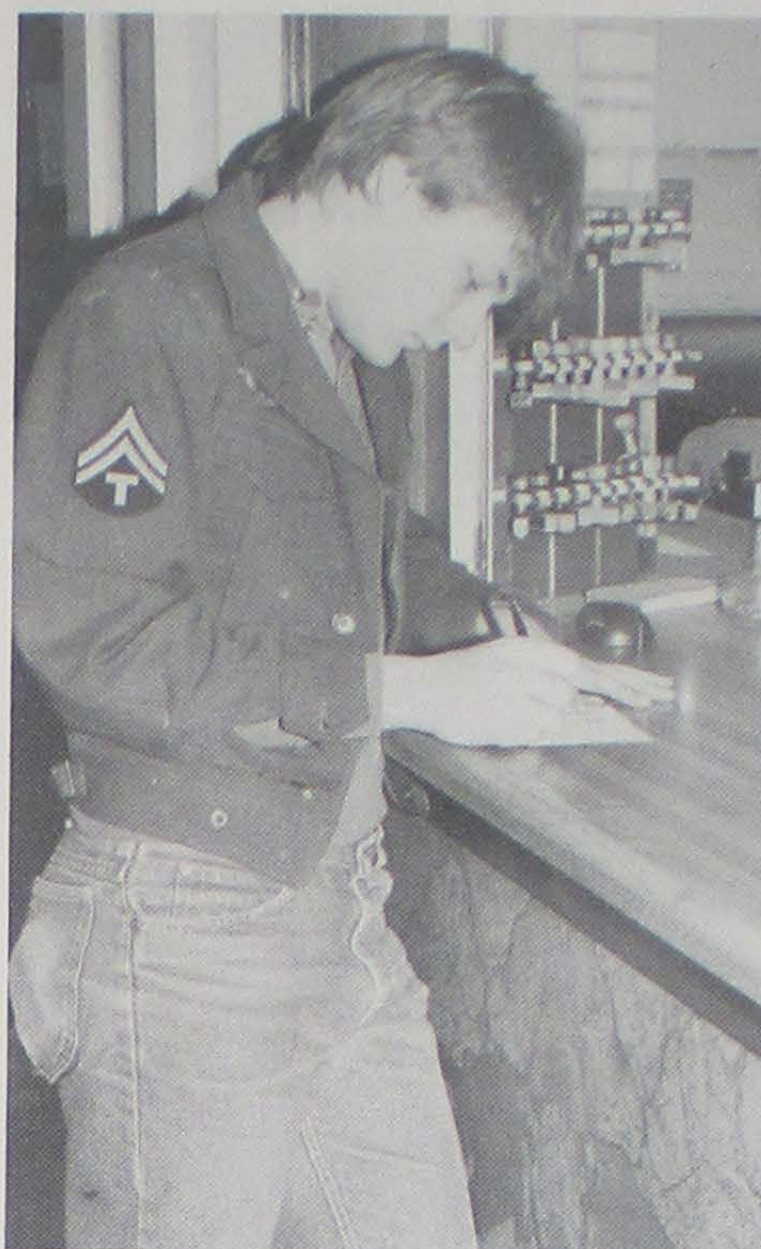
"It was great turning eighteen and becoming an adult, but along with the birthday came a lot of responsibility," said senior Jamie Folkman.

Turning eighteen required students to act as more mature law abiding citizens. As legal adults, they had to face the true consequences of breaking the law, for they no longer received a juvenile charge. "After you are eighteen, you are responsible for your own actions," said senior Amy Meyers, "Parents don't have to bail you out anymore."

A new law was passed that made it illegal for a minor to even attempt to buy alcohol. Students were reminded of this law as they renewed their driver's licenses. New licenses were marked with a side profile snapshot, identifying them as being under the drinking age.

With their birthdays, students gained the opportunity to vote; a privilege some seniors exercised during the fall presidential elections. Whether they supported or opposed it, the males were also required to sign up for the draft.

"Your eighteenth birthday gives you more freedom and a title," concluded senior Joe Dwyer, "and it's neat to say, hey I'm eighteen."



GETTING THE NEW LOOK. A side profile snapshot is taken of senior Lori Birdseye as she renews her drivers license. The change to a profile shot was used to identify people under the legal drinking age of 19. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

MEETING REQUIREMENTS. After his eighteenth birthday, senior Jim Rougvie signs up for the draft at the post office. The law requires all eighteen year olds to register for the selective services. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)

Julie Orth
Shyla Osborn
Nancy Ostendorf
Mark Osterloo
Julie Osweiler
Jenny Pasley

Pat Payer
Rebecca Pearson
Brenda Pedigo
Mike Pell
Lori Peterson
Brenda Plakans

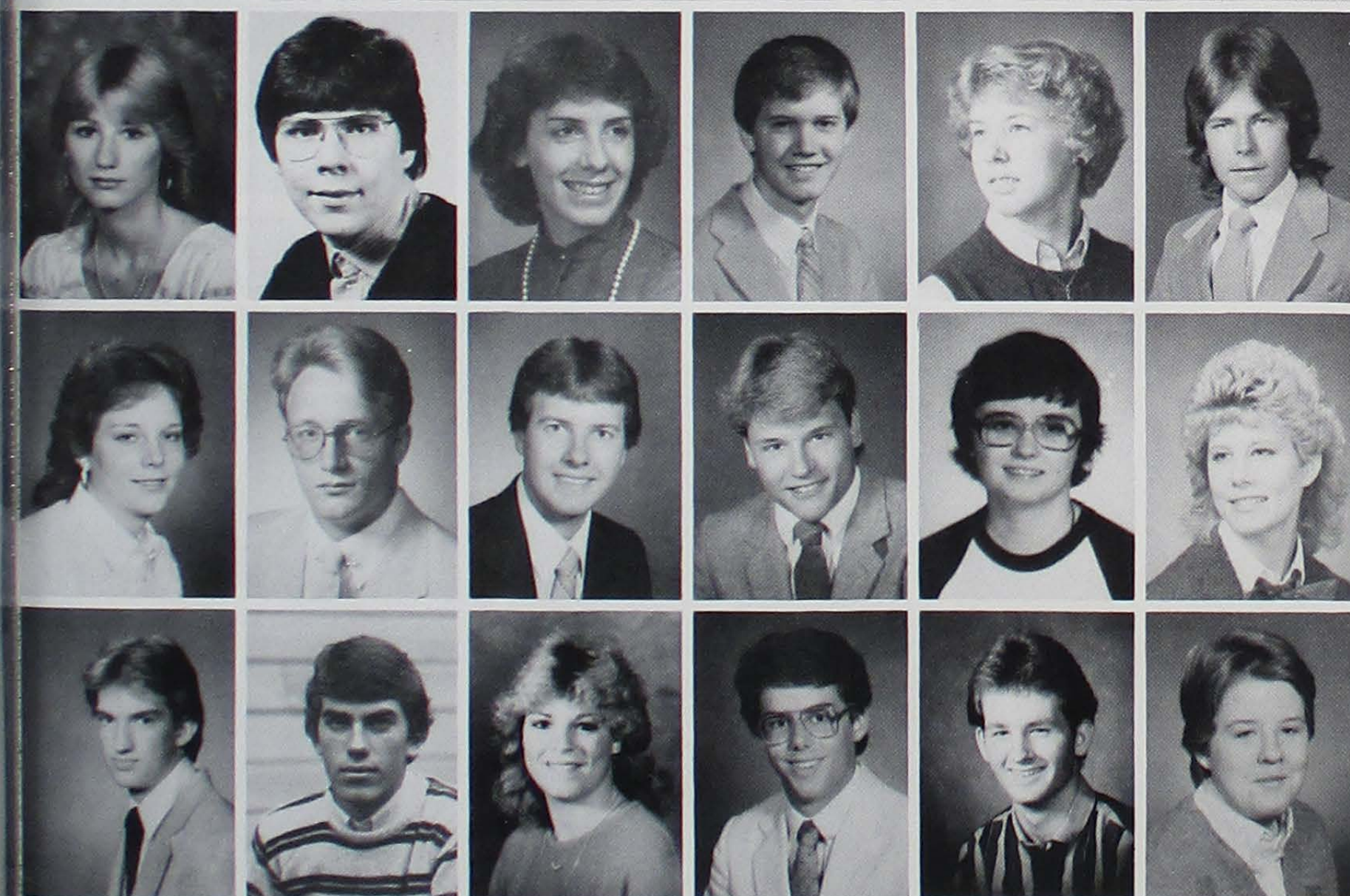
Jolene Porath
Lisa Port
Bret Posegate
Trent Powell
Sonja Powers
Joseph Pugh



Credits

Julianne Orth: Volunteers 10, 11, 12; Scratch Pad Board 10; Mat Maids 10, 11; Twirler 10, 11, 12; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10, 11, 12; Varsity Band 11; Concert Band 12; **Shyla Osborn:** Terpsichore (dancer) 10, 11, 12; Terpsichore (choreographer) 11, 12; Speech Club 10, 11, 12; Play crews (scenery) 11, 12; "South Pacific" 10; Sophomore Chorus; Treble Pops 10; Choir 11, 12; Madrigal 12; **Nancy Ostendorf:** WEB Staff 12; DECA 12; Golf 11; **Julie Osweiler:** Volunteers 11, 12; DECA 12; Track 10; I-ball 12; **Jennifer Pasley:** Volunteers 11, 12; Student Council 11, 12; Senior Girls' Club; Health Occupations 12; Powderpuff 12; Track 10; I-ball 10, 11, 12; Swimming 10, 11; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10, 11, 12; **Becky Pearson:** Volunteers 1; Scratch Pad Board 11; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 11; **Brenda Pedigo:** Volunteers 11, 12; Terpsichore 11; DECA 12; Powderpuff 10, 12; I-ball 11, 12; Mat Maids 10; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10, 12; Varsity Band 10; **Mike Pell:** Volunteers 11, 12; WEB Staff 12; SPIRIT Staff 11; Senior Senate 12; Terpsichore 10, 12; Track 11; I-ball 11, 12 (capt.); Model UN 10; Play Casts 10, 11, 12 "House of Blue Leaves," "Murder in the Magnolias" "South Pacific," "The Warrior's Husband," "The Indian Wants the Bronx," "Oklahoma!," "Bury the Dead," "Home at Six," "Play it Again Sam," "David and Lisa"; Chorus 12; Choir 11; **Lori Peterson:** Powderpuff 10, 11; Mat Maids 11; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10, 11, 12; **Brenda Plakans:** Student Council 11, 12; WEB Staff 11; SPIRIT Staff 11, 12 (co-ed.); AHS Update 11, 2 (producer); I-ball 10; Speech Club 11, 12; Scenery Crews: "South Pacific," "One Acts 1984 (Home at Six), Play Casts 10, 11; **Jolene Porath:** Volunteers 10, 11, 12; Student Council 10, 11; Rules Committee 11; Junior Exec.; Terpsichore 10, 11, 12; DECA 12; Powderpuff 10, 11, 12; I-ball 10, 11, 12; Golf 10, 11, 12; Big-Sis-/Lil'-Sis 11; **Dawn Schulte:** T&I 12; VICA 12; EBCE 11; **Brian Schreck:** Volunteers 10, 11; Terpsichore 11, 12; **Jerold Schrag:** Terpsichore 11; I-ball 10, 12; Cheerleading 11, 12; Marching Band 10, 11, 12; Varsity Band 10, 11; Concert Band 12; **Shawn Schnieder:** Volunteers 10, 11, 12; DECA

12; Powderpuff 12; Track 10; I-ball 10, 11, 12; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10, 12; **Bradley Schabel:** I-Ball 11, 12; Tennis 10, 11, 12; **Todd Rutter:** Volunteers 10, 11, 12; **Sara Rust:** Volunteers 10, 11, 12; DECA 12; Mat Maids 11; Big-Sis/-Sis 10; **James Rougvie:** SPIRIT Staff 12; AHS Update 12; Cross Country 10, 11, 12; Track 10, 11, 12; **Roger Roland:** I-ball 10, 11, 12 (capt.); Golf 10, 11, 12; **Mark Rogers:** Wrestling 10, 11, 12; **Jenifer Rieck:** Track 10, 12; I-Ball 12; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 11, 12; Speech Club 12; Pep Band 11, 12; Jazz I 11, 12; Concert Band 10, 11, 12; Pep Combo 12; Drum Major 11, 12; Band Librarian 12; UNI Honor Band 10; SCIBA Honor Band 12; **Steve Rhoades:** I-ball 12; Swimming 10, 12; **Kristen Reynolds:** Volunteers 11, 12; Student Council 11, 12; SPIRIT Staff 12; AHS Update 11, 12; Junior Exec.; Terpsichore 12; SADD Committee 12; Track 10, 11, 12; I-ball 12; Swimming 12; Speech Club 10, 11, 12 (co-pres); Play Crews 12; Play Casts, "Oklahoma!," "South Pacific," "One Acts (Times Square)," 10, 11, 12; Pep Band 11, 12; Concert Band 10, 11, 12; Dixieland Band 11, 12; Woodwind Quintet 12; Band Secretary 12; Sophomore Chorus; Concert Choir 11; Madrigal 12; Jazz Choir 12; Choir (co-pres.) 12; **Velimir Randic:** SPIRIT Staff 11, 12; AHS Update 12; Play Crews 11, 12; **Jennifer Purcell:** T&I 12; **Joseph Pugh:** I-ball 11, 12; Tennis 11, 12; **Sonya Powers:** Senior Senate 12; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10, 12; Speech Club 11; Play Crews (scenery) 10, 11, 12; "South Pacific" 10; Play Casts, "House of Blue Leaves," "One Acts (Home At Six)," "Oklahoma!," "Bury the Dead," "The Warrior's Husband," 10, 11, 12; Concert Band 10, 11, 12; Marching Band 10, 11, 12; **Trent Powell:** Volunteers 12; Baseball 10; Swimming 10, 11, 12; **Bret Posegate:** Volunteers 10, 11, 12; Senior Senate 12 (vice-pres.); DECA 12 (pres.) Football 10, 11, 12; Powderpuff (coach) 12; Basketball 10; I-ball 11, 12; Baseball 10, 11 (capt.); 12 (capt.); **Lisa Port:** Volunteers 11, 12; Junior Exec. 11; DECA 12; Powderpuff 12; I-ball 10; Big-Sis/Lil'-Sis 10, 12; Sophomore Chorus; Treble Pops 11.



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Lynette Robey
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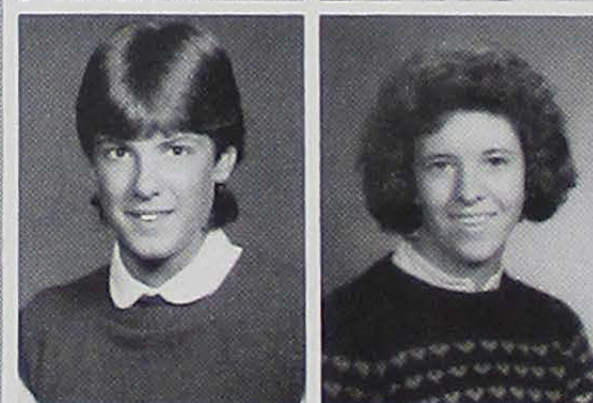
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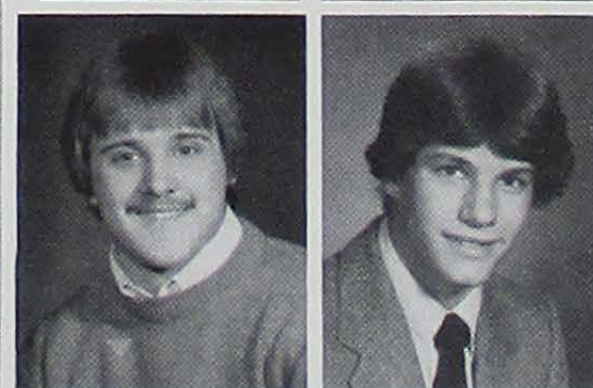
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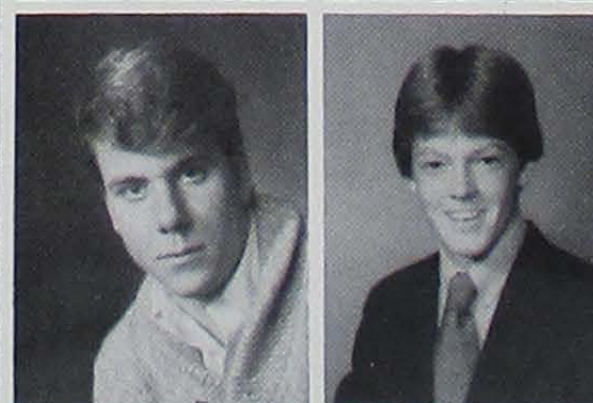
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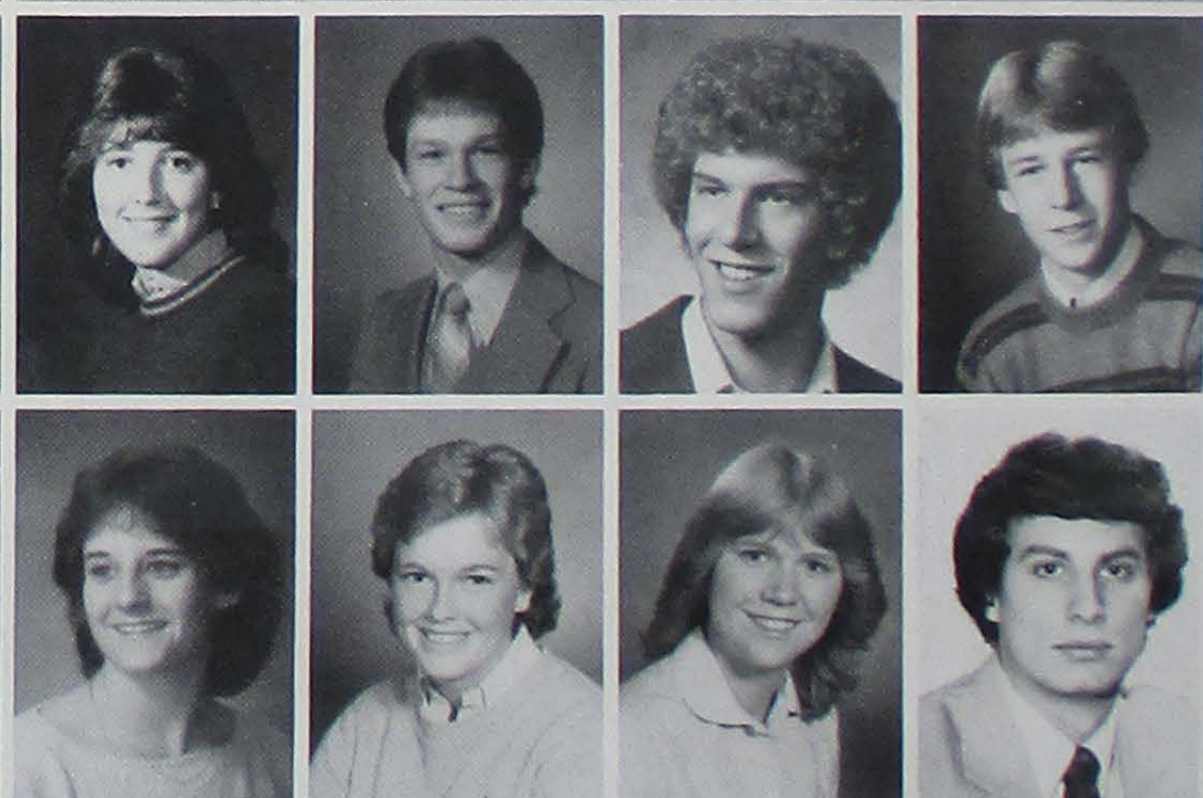
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Todd Spear



David Sprague
David Stenberg
Marla Stockdale
Julie Stoeker
Sande Strong
Craig Stroup



NEW ROMANCE? Before beginning her day, senior Ellen Tait reads her horoscope. These horoscopes predicted money, work, family and love fortunes. (Photo by Barb Farrar)



Diverse days

Labeling days as either good or bad was a habit of most seniors.

Students often walked into the school with the expectations for the day predetermined. "Morning track practice had a way of turning a potentially good day into a bad one," said senior Jeff Hartman.

Another very important influence in setting the tone for a day was how classwork was going. "Whenever I got a test back in first period that I didn't do well on, it ruined the rest of the day," said senior Mark Criner.

Often the littlest things made a big difference. "When my homeroom teacher brought doughnuts, my day didn't seem to go as badly," said senior Amy Theile. Anticipation of after school activities also influenced students' attitudes during the day.

Regardless of the daily events, certain days of the week affected students in predictable ways. Summing up a school week, senior Scott Whigham said, "Mondays are rough, but Fridays are always good days."



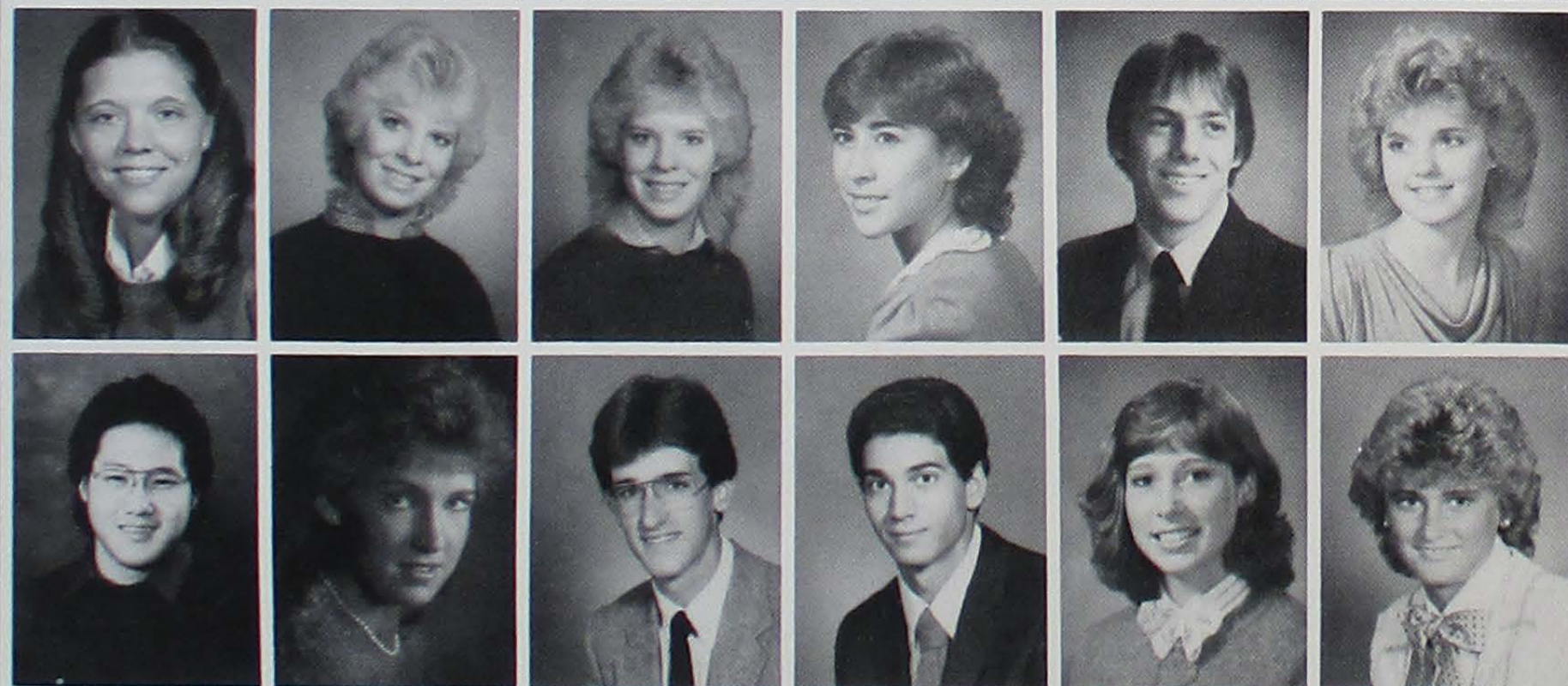
LET'S DANCE! All dressed up, seniors Kevin Hansen and Julie Tschetter dance at the long awaited Winter Formal. In anticipation for the event, many students started planning weeks in advance. (Photo by Vel Randic)

BIRTHDAY BOY. For his 18th birthday, senior Jerry Hill passes out donuts to Shawn Coffman. Donuts in homeroom got the day off to a good start for many seniors. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

Credits

Paul Searls: Concert Band 10,11,12; Jazz Band 11,12; Pep Band 12; Concert Choir 12. **Devika Seecharran:** Student Council 11,12; SPIRIT Staff 11,12(Asst. Ed.); AHS Update 11,12; Play Crews, One Acts 11; *South Pacific* 10; Sophomore Mixed Chorus. **Dana Seehafer:** Volunteers 11,12; SPIRIT Staff 11,12; Senior Girls' Club; Powderpuff 10,11,12; Track 10; Basketball 10,11,12; Softball 10,11,12; Tennis 11,12; Mat Maids 10; Big-Sis/'Lil-Sis 10,11,12. **Todd Senne:** Football 10; I-ball 10,11,12; Baseball 10; DECA 12. **Stacy Setterberg:** Terpsichore (choreographer) 12; DECA 12; Terpsichore (dancer) 11; Big-Sis/'Lil-Sis 10,11. **Tom Shakeshaft:** Volunteers 12; Football 10(cap.); 11,12(cap.); Powderpuff coach 11,12; Basketball 10,11,12; Baseball 10,11,12; Senior Senate. **Carlin Sharp:** Powderpuff 10,12; Big-Sis/'Lil-Sis 10; DECA 12. **Brad Shaw:** Volunteers 12; WEB Staff 12; AHS Update 12; I-ball 12; Wrestling 10,11,12; DECA 12. **Jayne Showers:** Volunteers 10,11; Powderpuff 10,11,12; Cross Country 10; I-ball 12; Mat Maids 10,11(pres.); 12(pres.); Big-Sis/'Lil-Sis 10,11; DECA 12. **Susan Shuck:** Volunteers 11,12; Powderpuff 12; Track 10; I-ball 11,12; Cheerleader 10,11; Big-Sis/'Lil-Sis 10,11. **Cathlin Sickles:** I-ball 10; Flag Corps 10,11,12; Big-Sis/'Lil-Sis 10,11,12. **James Sills:** T&I 12; DECA 12. **Gary Simpson:** Student Council 10; Track 10,11,12; I-ball 12; T&I 12; DECA 12. **Julie Slater:** Volunteers 10,11,12; WEB Staff 12; Junior Exec.; Powderpuff 10,11,12; I-ball 10; Tennis 10,11,12; Big-Sis/'Lil-Sis 11. **Robert Smithson:** Student Council 12; Junior Exec.; Swimming 10,11,12; Play Crews *South Pacific*, *Oklahoma*, *The Warriors Husband*, 10,11,12; Play casts *South Pacific*, *Oklahoma*, *One Acts*, *The Warriors Husband* 10,11,12; Marching Band 10,11,12; Concert Band 10,11,12; Jazz Band 10,11; Pep Band 10,11,12; Pep Combo 12. **Jeff Solberg:** T&I 11,12. **Todd Spear:** Wrestling 10,11. **David Sprague:** Student Council 11,12; Track

11; I-ball 10,11,12; Play Crews 10,11,12. **Dave Stenberg:** Volunteers 12; Student Council 12(pres.); I-ball 10,11,12; Baseball 10,11,12. **Maria Stockdale:** Volunteers 10,11,12; Terpsichore (dancer) 10,11,12; Health Occupations 12; Big-Sis/'Lil-Sis 1. **Julie Stoecker:** Softball 10,11,12; Powderpuff 10,11,12; Basketball 10,11,12; Big-Sis/'Lil-Sis 10,11,12. **Sandee Strong:** Volunteers 11,12; Powderpuff 10; OEA 12; Big-Sis/'Lil-Sis 10. **Craig Stroup:** WEB Staff 12; I-ball 12; Concert Band 10,11,12; Pep Band 10,11,12; Marching Band 10,11,12; Pep Combo 11,12; Orchestra 11,12; Jazz Band 10,11,12; Dixieland Band 12. **Stephanie Struble:** Big-Sis/'Lil-Sis 11; DECA 12. **Jana Sturdivant:** Volunteers 10,11,12; I-ball 10; Powderpuff 12; Cross Country 10; Big-Sis/'Lil-Sis 10,11; OEA 12. **Lisa Sturdivant:** Volunteers 10,11,12; Terpsichore (dancer) 12; I-ball 10; Big-Sis/'Lil-Sis 10,11; OEA 12. **Teresa Suarez:** Volunteers 10,11,12; WEB Staff 12; AHS Update 12; Senior Girls' Club; Track 12; Cheerleader 11,12; Mat Maids 12; DECA 12; Terpsichore (dancer) 10,12; Big-Sis/'Lil-Sis 10,11,12. **Sloan Summerfelt:** Swimming 10. **Marsha Sunstrom:** Volunteers 11,12; Powderpuff 12; Terpsichore (dancer) 12; Mat Maids 12. **Sheila Swenson:** Track 10; Gymnastics 10; Health Occupations 12; Big-Sis/'Lil-Sis 10,11. **David Swift:** Volunteers 10,11; Student Council 12; Lab Assistant 12; Cross Country 12; Track 12; I-ball 12; Play Crews 12; Play casts 12. **Layth Tabatabai:** I-ball 11,12; Health Occupations 12; Speech Club 10,11,12. **Ellen Tait:** Junior Exec.; Terpsichore (dancer) 11,12; Terpsichore (choreographer) 12; Powderpuff 10,11; Track 10,11,12; Basketball 10; I-ball 11; Cheerleader 10,11,12; Big-Sis/'Lil-Sis 10,11. **Michelle Tannehill:** Volunteers 11,12; Powderpuff 10,11,12; Track 10,11,12; Basketball 10,11,12; Softball 10,11,12; Big-Sis/'Lil-Sis 11; DECA 12.



Stephanie Struble
Jana Sturdivant
Lisa Sturdivant
Teresa Suarez
Sloan Summerfelt
Marsha Sunstrom

Chris Surface
Sheila Swenson
David Swift
Layth Tabatabai
Ellen Tait
Michelle Tannehill

Nancy Taylor
Traci Taylor
Phil Terrones

Amy Theile
Susan Thompson
Tiffany Throckmorton

Chris Tice
Laurie Tice
Mark Tondra

Don Tope
Kathy Trcka
Kevin Tryon

Julie Tschetter
Lara Twombly
Tonya Valentine

Lori VanSickle
Mariella VanderGaast
Rich Voelker

Charles Vondra
Dave Voss
Jim Walhof

Doug Ward
Sarah Wassmuth
Missy Wershay



Credits

Nancy Taylor: Volunteers 10,11,12; WEB Staff 12; DECA 12; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10,11,12. **Traci Taylor:** DECA 12; Volunteers 12; Flag Corps 10,11,12; Mat Maids 12; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10,11; Band 10,11,12; Chorus 10,11. **Phil Terrones:** T&I 12; VICA 12; Wrestling 10. **Amy Theile:** Student Council 12; Terpsichore dancer 10,11,12; Powderpuff 10,11,12; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10,11. **Susan Thompson:** Volunteers 10,11,12; Student Council 10,11,12; SPIRIT Staff 11; Senior Senate; Junior Exec.; Senior Girls' Club; Terpsichore dancer 10,11, choreographer 12; Track 10,11,12; I-ball 10; Cheerleader 10 (cap.), 11; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10; Speech Club 12; Play cast "Oklahoma!", "South Pacific"; Varsity Band 10,11; Sophomore Mixed Chorus; Madrigal Choir 10,11,12 (pres.). **Tiffany Throckmorton:** Volunteers 12; Track 10,12; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10,11,12; Speech Club 10,11; Play Crew 10; Play Cast "South Pacific"; Marching Band 10; Varsity Band 10,11; Concert Band 12; Sophomore Chorus. **Chris Tice:** Volunteers 10,11; Student Council 10,11,12; Cross Country 12; Track 10,11,12; Basketball 10; I-ball 11,12; Baseball 10,11,12. **Mark Tondra:** Scratch Pad Board 11; Football 10,11,12; Track 10; Powderpuff coach 12; I-ball 10,11,12; Speech Club 11,12; Varsity Band 10; Concert Band 11,12; Orchestra (tr.) 10,11,12. **Don Tope:** Wrestling 10. **Kathy Trcka:** Volunteers 10; Cross Country 10; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 11. **Kevin Tryon:** Volunteers 10; Football 10. **Julie Tschetter:** Volunteers 11,12; Student Council 10,11; Senior Senate; Junior Exec.; DECA 12; Powderpuff 12; Cheerleader 10,12; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 11,12. **Lara Twombly:** Volunteers 11,12; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10,11. **Tonya Valentine:** Powderpuff 12; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10. **Lori VanSickle:** Volunteers 10,11,12; Student Council 10,11 president 12; Senior Girls' Club; Terpsichore dancer 12; Powderpuff 11; Cheerleading captain 10, captain 11, captain 12; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10,11,12. **Mariella VanderGaast:** Volunteers 12; Terpsichore choreographer 12; dancer 12; Powderpuff 12; Mat Maids 12. **Rich Voelker:** I-Ball 10,11,12; Marching Band 10,11,12; Varsity Band 10, Concert Band 11,12; Pep Band 10,11,12, Jazz Band 11,12. **Charles Vondra:** Football 10,11,12; Powderpuff coach 12; Track 10,11; Basketball 10,11,12. **Dave Voss:** Cross Country 10,11,12; Track 10,11,12; I-ball 10,11; Swimming 11; Wrestling 10; Cadet teaching 12. **Jim Walhof:** Play Cast "South Pacific" 10, "Oklahoma!" 11; Varsity Band 10, Concert Band 11,12, Marching Band 10,11,12, Jazz Band 11,12, Pep Band 12; Sophomore Chorus, Concert Choir 11,12. **Doug Ward:** Football 10; Wrestling 10,11,12. **Sarah Wassmuth:** Volunteers 11; Student Council 10,11,12; SPIRIT Staff 10,11,12; Junior Exec.; Gymnastics 10,11; Cheerleading 10; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10,11,12. **Missy Wershay:** Volunteers 10,11,12; Terpsichore dancer 10,11,12; DECA 12; Golf 10,11,12; Big-Sis/Lil-Sis 10,11,12.

Some work seemed useless

Among the countless reports, worksheets, readings and tests that made up most students' grades, many found themselves asked to do homework that seemed ridiculous.

Often, students complained about being treated as if they were youngsters. "I always thought of chemistry as being structured and complicated until we had to play with atom Tinker Toys for a whole week in class," said senior Janet Wisner.

For most students the worst "dumb assignment" to get was one that sounded impossible to complete. "I hated when we were told to look up the word 'renaissance' and write an entire two page report on what it meant," said senior Amy Hutter.

The term busy work was used frequently when teachers asked their students to do an assignment that re-

peated a skill many times. "In accounting, we spent a lot of time learning how to balance a checkbook even though everyone in my class already knew how," said senior Michelle Johnston.

There were also those students who "played dumb" when they received a "dumb assignment." "In order to fulfill an English requirement before the end of the year, I wrote a paper straight from the encyclopedia. I know the teacher knew where it came from," said senior John Kolmer.

When teachers were asked why they gave "dumb assignments," they often had a clever quip for an answer. "My answer depended on the mood I was in, who the student was, the time of year it was, and how much I'd been hassled that day," said Mrs. Mona Smith, an English teacher.

WHAT TO WRITE Faced with the task of writing an essay on the meaning of a single word, senior Amy Hutter writes her ideas down. (Photo by Vel Randic.)

NOT JUST LEGOS Atom Tinker Toys were used in chemistry class to help students visualize molecular structures. Seniors Ann Yates, Janet Wisner, and Linda Graver put together models of different bonding structures. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)



Credits

Holly Westberg: Volunteers 11,12; Senior Girls' Club; Powderpuff 10,11,12; Track 10,11,12; Basketball 10,11,12; Softball 10; Mat Maids 10; Big Sis/'Lil Sis 10,11,12. **Teri Westphal:** Big Sis/'Lil Sis 10,11,12; Concert Band 10,11,12; Marching Band 10,11,12; Pep Band 11,12; Dixieland Band 11,12; Sophomore Chorus, Concert Choir 11. **Dawn Wetzel:** Volunteers 10,11,12; Powderpuff 10,11,12; I-ball 10,11. **Scott Whigham:** Cross Country 10,11,12; Track 10,11,12; I-ball 12; Hockey 10,11,12. **Jason Whitefield:** DECA 12; Football 10; Track 11. **Natasha Wilson:** Volunteers 10,11,12; Student Council 12; Senior Girls' Club; Terpsichore Dancer 11,12; Choreographer 12;

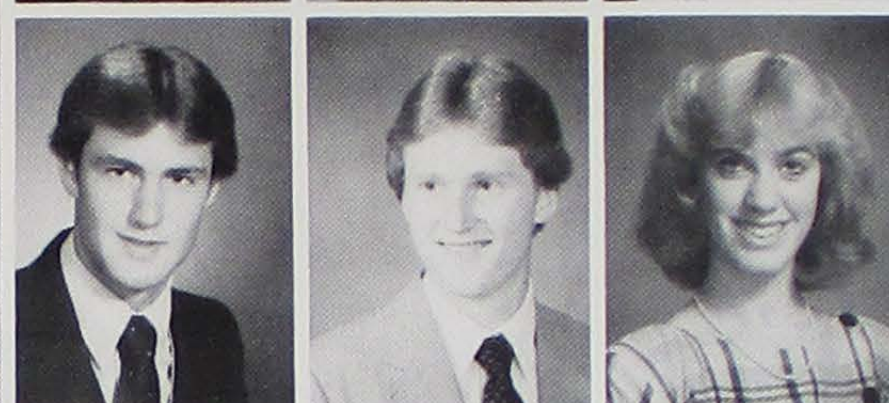
Cheerleading 12; Big Sis/'Lil Sis 10,12; Play cast "Oklahoma!" 11. **Karen Wilt:** Speech Club 11; Play Crews 12; Concert Band 10,11,12; Volunteers 11,12; Student Council 12. **Tony Winkler:** T&I 12; Football 10,11,12; Wrestling 10. **Ann Wishart:** Volunteers 10; OEA 12; Big Sis/'Lil Sis 11. **Janet Wisner:** Play crews 12; Play cast "The Warrior's Husband" 12; Concert Band 12; Marching Band 12; Sophomore mixed Chorus, Concert Choir 11, Treble Pops 11; Volunteers 10,11,12; Senior Senate; Powderpuff 12; I-ball 12; Big Sis/'Lil Sis 10,11,12. **Greg Worley:** Cross Country 10,11,12; Track 10,11,12. **Anne Yates:** Play cast "South Pacific" 10; Sophomore Mixed Chorus;

Choir 11,12; Volunteers 11,12; WEB staff 12; Powderpuff 12; Track 10,11,12; I-ball 12; Cheerleading 10,11,12; Big Sis/'Lil Sis 11,12. **Rowena Young:** Speech Club 11, manager 12; Sophomore Choir; Concert Choir accompanist 12; Student Council 12; Model UN 12. **Kelly Zachary:** T&I 12. **Kimberly Zenor:** Volunteers 11,12; T&I 12; VICA 11; Powderpuff 11,12; I-ball 10,11; Big Sis/'Lil Sis 11,12. **Becky Bishop:** Volunteers 12; Senior Senate; Terpsichore dancer 12; DECA 12; Powderpuff 12; Track 12; Gymnastics 12. **Steve Sandage:** Basketball 10,11,12.

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Steve Sandage



Seniors Not Pictured

Jim Brown: T&I 12; VICA 12; EBCE 12. **Laura Bush:** Big Sis/'Lil Sis 10,11,12; Marching Band 10,11,12; Varsity Band 10,11,12. **Mike Connor:** T&I 12; VICA 12. **Joe Dwyer:** I-ball 10,11,12; Golf 10,12. **Jean Foss:** SPIRIT Staff 11,12; Student Council 11,12; "South Pacific," "One-Acts," AHS Update 11. **Carl Greiner:** T&I 12; Football 10,11; Powderpuff Coach 12; I-ball 11,12. **Lesley Gunnels:** Volunteers 10,12; SPIRIT staff 10; Big Sis/'Lil Sis 10. **Christopher Harden:** Student Review Board 12; T&I 12; Track 12; I-ball 10,11; Baseball 10. **Rob Hennick:** T&I 12; VICA 12. **Kathleen Lynoff:** Volunteers 11; Terpsichore choreographer 12, dancer 10,11,12; I-ball 12; Big Sis/'Lil Sis 11,12; Speech Club 10,11,12; Play crews 11,12; Play casts "Oklahoma," "South Pacific," "The Warrior's Husband" 10,11,12; Varsity Band 10, Concert Band 11,12; Marching Band, Pep Band, Sophomore Chorus, Concert Choir, Treble Pops, Madrigal Choir. **Heldi Mansnerus:** Concert Choir, Madrigal, All-State 12. **Sean McGlothlen:** Volunteers 10,11; T&I 12; VICA 12; Football 10; I-ball 10,11,12; Golf 11,12. **Barbara Mudderman:** Volunteers 12; Track 10,12; Softball 10. **Bui Nguyen:** I-ball 10,11,12; Tennis 10,11,12. **Jill Peterson:** Swimming 12; Flag Corps 10,11, Captain 12; Big Sis/'Lil Sis 10,11,12; Varsity Band 10,11,12. **Jim Poffenberger:** T&I 12; VICA 12. **Michael Rops:** Lab Assistant 10,11. **Lynn Rowe:** Volunteers 10,11; Big Sis/'Lil Sis 10,11; Varsity Band 10; Concert Band 11. **Kate Seagrave:** Student Council 10,11; Rules Committee 10; Track 10,11,12; Big Sis/'Lil Sis 10; Varsity Band 10,11; Marching Band 10,11. **Jayne Shaffer:** Concert Band 12; Concert Choir, Madrigal, All-State 12. **Lols Thomas:** Big Sis/'Lil Sis 10,12. **Anja Trebes:** Volunteers 12; SPIRIT Staff 12; Terpsichore dancer 12; Powderpuff 12; I-Ball 12; Speech Club 12; Play crews 12; Play cast "The Warrior's Husband" 12. **Geff Underwood:** WEB staff 12; Wargamers Club 10,11,12. **Courtney Urlick:** Student Council 10,11; Swimming 10. **William Vary:** Football 10; Hockey 12. **Tleka Waterman:** Volunteers 12; Flag Corps 10,11; Big Sis/'Lil Sis 10,11,12. **Mark Young:** T&I 12.



MAY I HELP YOU? The Experienced-Based Career Education program prepares resource students with special needs for post-graduation life. Denise Taylor takes calls at her desk in the Cy-Ride central office. (Photo by Erin Andersen)

FURRY FRIENDS. The Fish Bowl pet store at North Grand Mall provides resource student Sheri Bendickson with valuable work experience. Her duties include pet care and general maintenance. (Photo by Erin Andersen)

Graduating seniors anticipate alternatives to college

Achievement tests, college applications, financial aid, scholarships, fraternity and sorority rush — all of these things became an important part of the senior year and post-graduation preparations. It was only natural for kids who had spent their entire lives in a college town like Ames to plan on going to college or university themselves. There were some students, however, who did stray from the norm.

Tiffany Throckmorton enlisted in the Air Force for the next four years after graduation. She was to leave for basic training the July after her senior year and later for Texas for more specific training in Tactical Aircraft Maintenance. She opted for military service because, "I think it will be more exciting and adventurous. I'd like to be based overseas in Spain, Italy, or Germany. I can travel just about anywhere." She also wanted to eventually major in political science and run for political office and thought service would be a good basis for this.

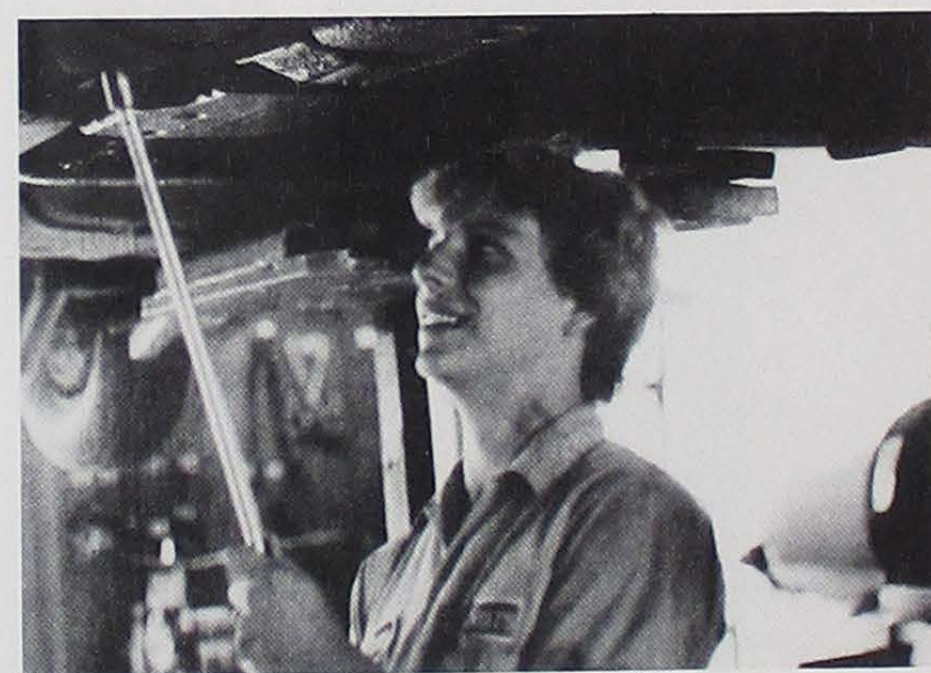
Shannon McCoy also enlisted in the service. He joined the National Guard which meant going to Boone one weekend a month. In exchange he would receive financial aid at Iowa State University all during the year. "I look forward to getting my check every month," he said. "I get a lot of crap from my friends though."

Some students simply couldn't stand the thought of another year of school. "I need a break from the boredom," explained Micci Moore. "Really I've never been interested in going to college, so I've just never made plans." Micci

planned to find some sort of secretarial or clerical job in Colorado, possibly at a resort area hotel. She had gained seven months experience through her VICA job. She looked forward to "experiencing the real world."

There was a group of four resource students with special needs who had spent the majority of their high school years preparing for a job and independent living after graduation. In order to graduate, each of them was required to draw up a specific plan for their future with the help of teachers and parents. Some of the opportunities they took advantage of were Mainstream Living in Ames, Vocational Rehabilitation in Des Moines, and STRIVE in Ankeny. MDE teacher, Ann Lee explained, "Lots of times they become so focused on one goal. They know one job and if they can't get that job, they give up and vegetate at home. That's why they have to have something certain lined up before graduating."

Although the prospects of stepping straight into the working world seemed exciting from a distance, they could be scary up close. Throckmorton expressed some concern. "I have no idea what will happen or where I'll be after basic training. The uncertainty bothers me," she said. Moore was also concerned about going someplace with no job or money guarantees. She said, "It's hard for someone who's never been away from home for more than ten days to cut loose. I'm sure I'll have homesickness and money problems. But it's a good change to be out on my own."



AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES. Many students decided to get full-time jobs after graduation. Senior Gary Elliott repairs a car at the Sears Automotive Department. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)

Darrill Abel: D.E. Coop, D.E. Related Class, Typing II, DECA Adviser
Elizabeth Alexander: Special Education
Keith Bailey: Physical Education Activities Classes, Swimming, Health
Grace Bauske: Honors English, English 10, Introduction to Journalism, Creative Writing, Senior Senate

E. Dorothy Brown: Media Center Librarian
Judy Brunner: Math IMC Aide
Karen Bruton: Part-time Business Communications, Business Machines, Typing, Work Alternative Program
Mary Buck: Biology B, Chemistry A

Loann Campbell: Honors American Literature, Survey of American Literature, American Literary Masterpieces, Composition for the College Bound, *Scratch Pad*, NCTE Achievement Awards in Writing
Keith Carlson: Composition for the College Bound, British Literature, Perspectives in Literature
Neelum Chaudhry: Introduction to Journalism, English 10 (W), Applied Journalism, *SPIRIT* Adviser, *WEB* Adviser
Kirk G. Daddow: United States History TAE, Western Civilization I-II, Head Football Coach



Faculty achieves excellence

Hartman receives top-notch rating

"Teachers should provide opportunities to learn," commented Ken Hartman, Chemistry A and computer science teacher. Mr. Hartman received the Presidential Award for excellence in science teaching for the state of Iowa.

Previously in 1983, Mr. Hartman had received the Iowa Academy of Science Award for excellence in chemistry. This award automatically nominated him for the national award. On October 25, he received the national award in Washington D.C.

Ames High School received \$5,000 from the National Science Foundation as part of Mr. Hartman's award. He was also awarded a computer for use in teaching.

This was only the second year of the Presidential Math and Science Awards.

Mr. Hartman hoped the award will be expanded to give recognition in other areas of teaching.

To qualify for the award, Mr. Hartman was required to write a series of essays on his philosophy and methods of teaching. "The best method of teaching is the one a teacher feels most comfortable with," he said.

He also said he had found that students often learn the most by doing rather than listening to lectures. His classes included a lot of lab work related to the area of study.

Senior Mark Hanson, one of Mr. Hartman's Chemistry A students, said, "Mr. Hartman doesn't textbook teach. He teaches in terms I can understand and will be able to remember."

"He is always willing to help students

and also pleasant to be around," commented sophomore Liz Chase, a computer science student.

Mr. Hartman also held the position of coordinator of the Science Department. He explained that the school had a fairly strong science program. However, he felt the facilities were cramped in a small amount of space. He also mentioned that improvements were being made in providing students with more hands-on experience in the areas of physics, biology, and chemistry.

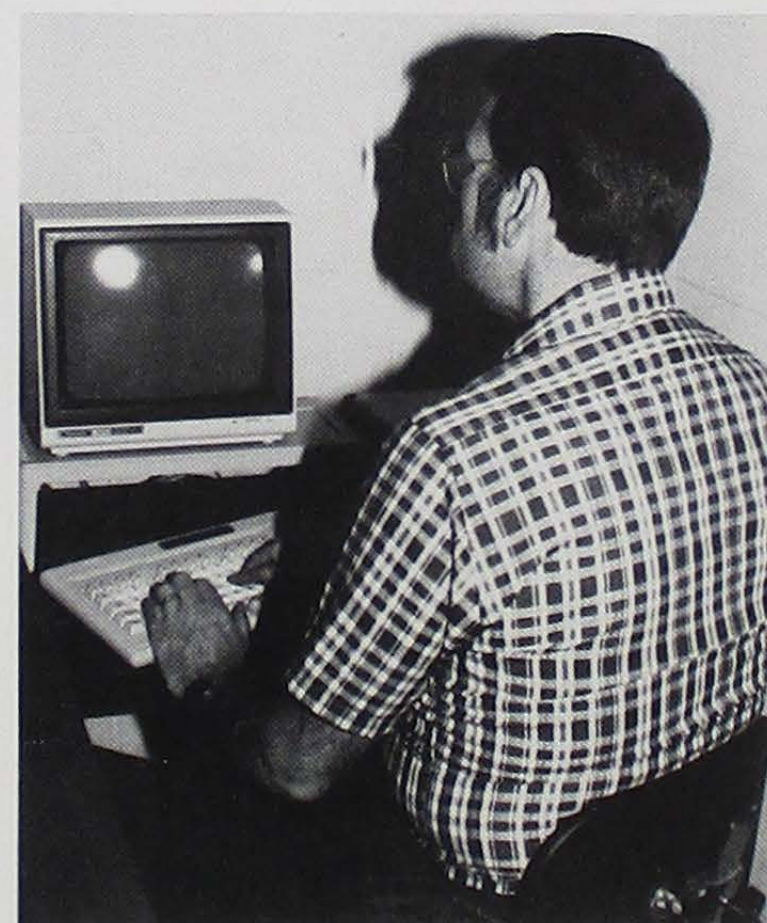
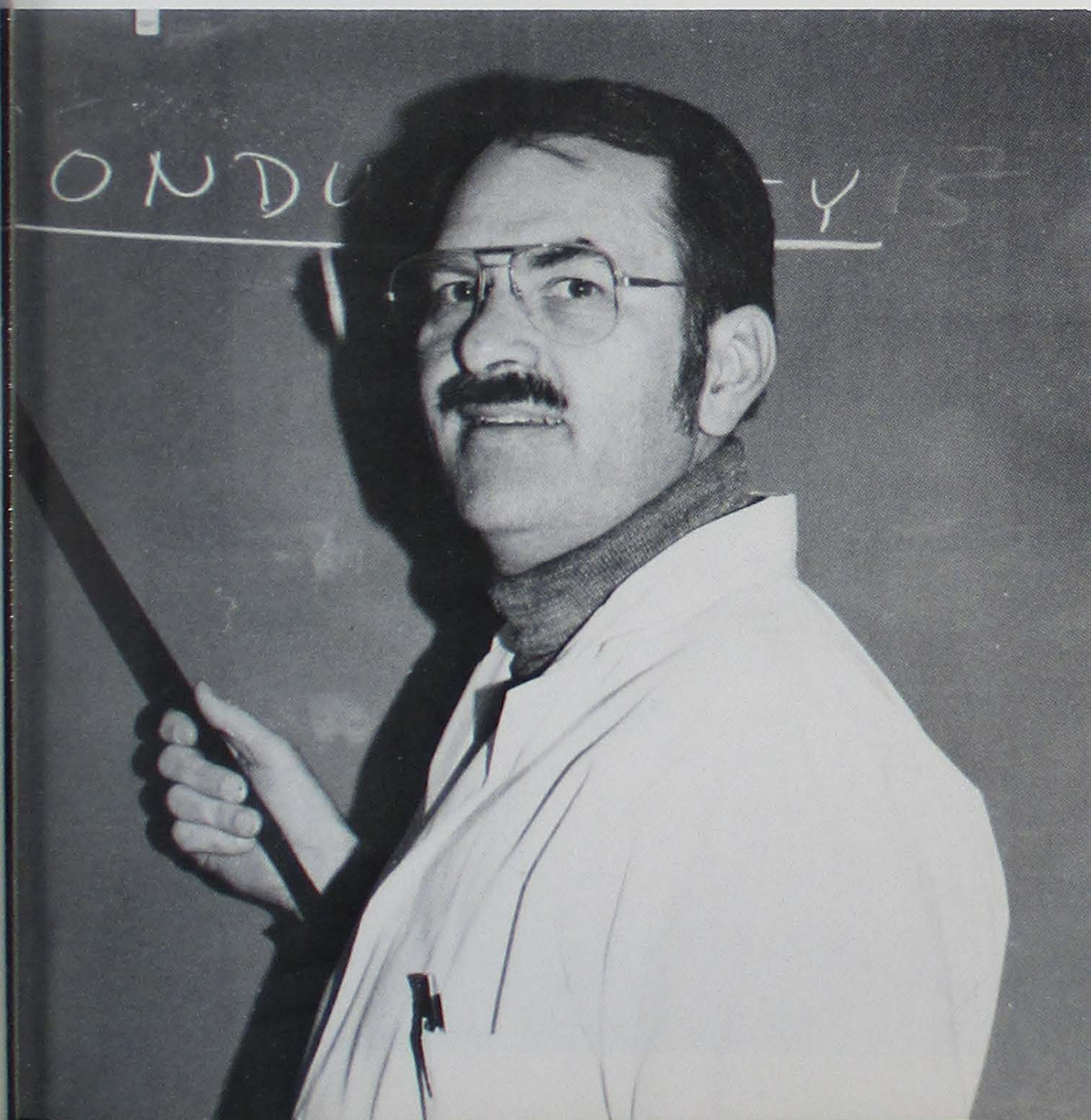
The fact that Mr. Hartman had continually worked to improve the science program was only one reason he received national recognition. Another reason was that he "makes students want to learn," said Hanson.



Sonja R. Darlington: Part-time German I-III
Lloyd Dresser: Parking Lot Attendant
Jim Duea: United States History TAE, United State Government, Head Girl's Track Coach, Sophomore Football Coach
Jerry Dunn: Biology B

George Duvall: Algebra I-II
Anita Dyer: Media Center
Bill Enquist: United States Government, Economics
Don Faas: Auto Mechanics, Trade and Industrial Cooperative, VICA Club Adviser.

Elaine Faas: Attendance Secretary
Ralph Farrar: Principal
John Forssman: English 10, Composition for the College Bound, Survey of American Literature, Basic Composition
Betty L. Furr: French I



BOOTING UP. Using the computer he won, Mr. Hartman loads a program into the memory. Hartman also won \$5000 for the school. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)

AWARD WINNING TEACHER. Chemistry A students are privileged to have their class taught by Mr. Ken Hartman. Mr. Hartman received a Presidential Award for Science. (Photo by Amy Bleyle.)

Grads return, this time behind the desk

Thousands of people had graduated from Ames High during the past forty years. Most had gone their own way, leaving Ames for bigger and better things. There were, however, a few who had returned and, once again walked the halls of Ames High. They were now teachers.

Generally, they all agreed that Ames had one of the better school systems in the state and that Ames was a good community to live and grow up in. Robert Jeffrey, a 1967 graduate and now a social studies teacher, said he had a "very good experience at Ames High. My instructors had a great influence on my decision to become a teacher."

While Jeffrey was in high school, one of his math instructors was George Duvall. Mr. Duvall graduated from AHS in 1946, then returned in 1965 after attending college and teaching and coaching at various schools around Iowa. "The opportunity afforded to students and faculty at Ames High, and the fact that I generally work with seasoned veterans makes being on the staff rewarding," said Mr. Duvall.

Also graduating in 1946 was Mary

Ann Schmidt. She actually spent her senior year at Des Moines Roosevelt and graduated from there, but the rest of her schooling was in the Ames system. "My father had a job in Des Moines and it was the time of gas rationing due to the war. It was best that we move to Des Moines," she explained. "I still consider myself an Ames graduate, however."

Noting the differences between the youth of today and those from their respective generations, most admitted that students of the 80's are not as close-knit and school-oriented as those from the past. One reason may be because, "There weren't many things to do. Not many students had cars and student activity revolved around the school. There wasn't the freedom that there is today," said 1958 graduate Richard White who was now head of the social studies department.

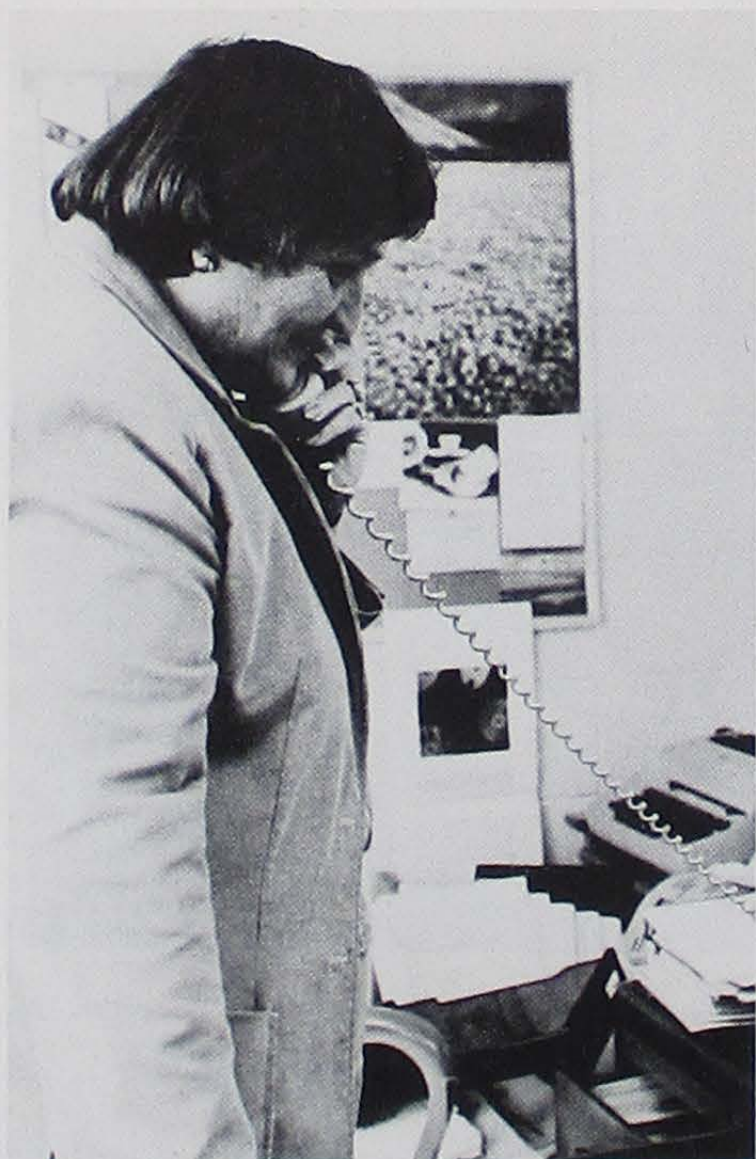
Dave Posegate, a 1959 grad, now the driver education instructor at AHS and was the head baseball coach, enjoyed teaching Drivers' Education because it was very much like coaching. "I can see the student improve on a daily basis. I teach them the funda-

mentals and it is just like coaching. It's very satisfying," Mr. Posegate's baseball teams had appeared in the State Tournament twice in his 13 years as head coach at Ames.

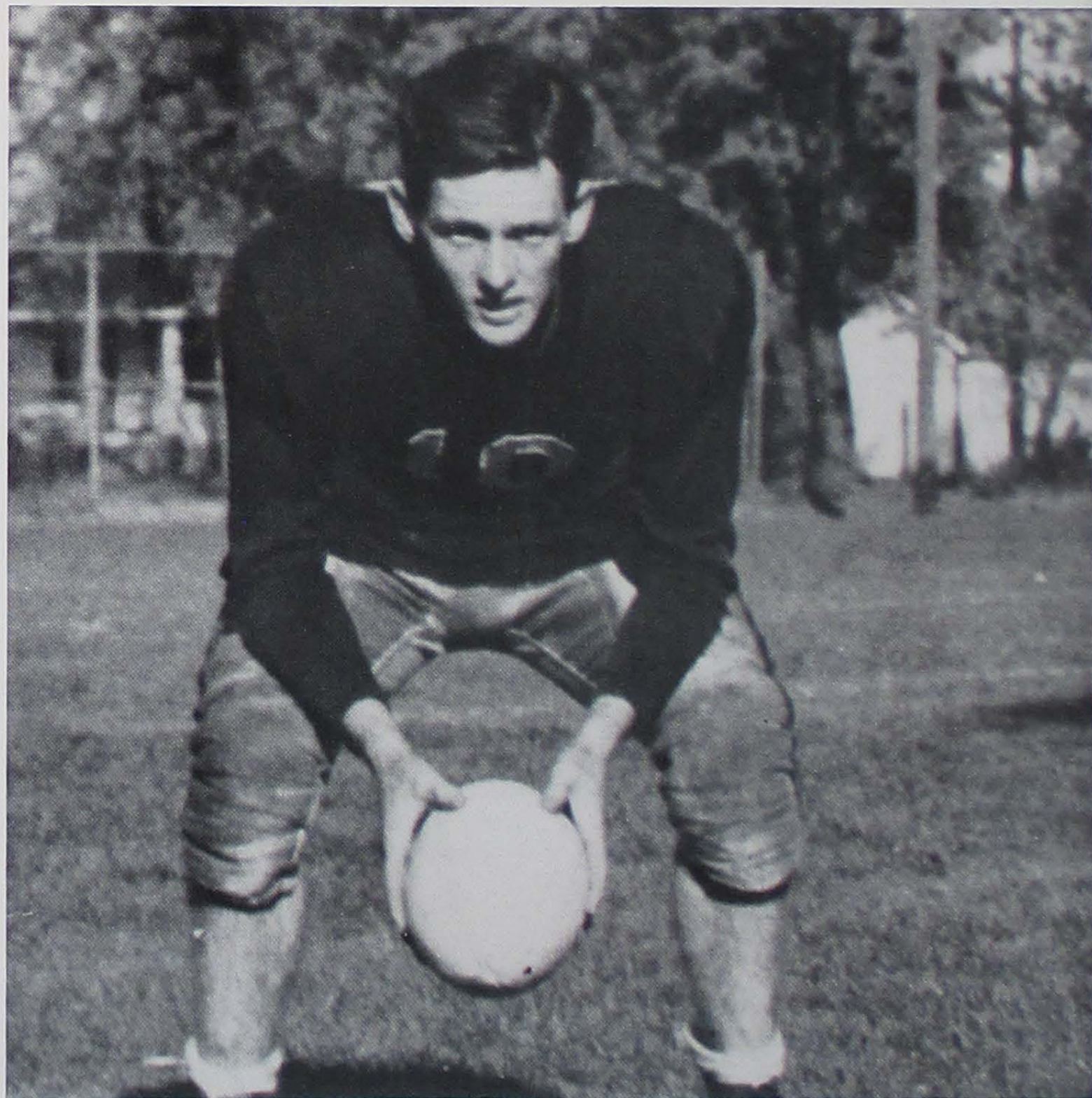
Believe it or not, these teachers liked students. If they didn't, they wouldn't be teaching. Mary Buck, now teaching in the science department after graduating in 1969, said, "The main reason I went into teaching was because I love working with kids and I had an interest in science. Teaching was an easy way to combine the two."

Mrs. Schmidt, Dean of Students, sometimes had a dirty job in that she had to often reprimand students, while looking out for their best interests. But, she too loved to work with teenagers. "I haven't lost my enthusiasm toward my job and everyday is fun!" she said. Maybe that is the reason that they kept coming back.

NUMBER 10. A 1946 graduate of AHS, Mr. George Duvall played in the backfield for the football team, which finished second in the conference that year.



RRRING! Talking on the phone is just one part of Mrs. Mary Ann Schmidt's job as Dean of Students and guidance counselor. Mrs. Schmidt attended AHS in 1943-45. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)





Merle Garman: Accounting I, Business Law, Business Organization and Management

Kay Garrett: Counselor, Award Convocation, Financial Aide Information Night, Financial Aid Workshop for Parents/Students

Homer Gartz: Director of Marching Band, Jazz Band I, Concert Band, Pep Band

Bob Gibbons: Honors Biology, Biology B, Head Boy's Tennis Coach

Jean Hassebrock: Child Development, Interior Design

Reggie Greenlaw: Resource Courses

Dorothy Gugel: Art History, Drawing I, Advanced Drawing, 2-D Expression, Painting I, Advanced Painting, Printmaking, Advanced Printmaking, Graphic Design I, Advanced Graphic Design, Fibers I, Advanced Fibers, Beginning Photography, Advanced Photography, Color Photography, Art Department Coordinator

Jean Hager-Dow: Ceramics, Jewelry, Sculpture, 3-D Design

Leatha Hansen: Special Education Aide

Wayne Hansen: English 10 (W), Discussion and Argumentation, Play Director

Marilyn Hanson: Algebra II, Trigonometry, Analytical Geometry

Ken Hartman: Chemistry A, Computer Science

Robert Heiberger: Physical Education, Head Sophomore Girl's Basketball Coach, Head Girl's Golf Coach

Keith Hilmer: Algebra II, Calculus, Director of Boy's Intramurals Basketball

Sheri Hilmer: Secretary

Duane Howard: Auto Mechanics I

Anna Mae Huffer: Library Secretary

R. Gaius Ives: Science Aide

Clemmye Jackson: Guidance Counselor, Director of Special Needs

Peg Jacobson: Library Secretary

GETTING A GIFT At the retirement dinner held at the Scheman Center, Librarian Dorothy Brown, receives a suitcase as a gift from the faculty. AV coordinator George MacBride presented the gift. (Photo by Erik Munson)

YEARS OF SERVICE. The retirement dinner also honored English teacher, Barbara Ward, who served the school for 21 years. After dinner, Mrs. Ward watches a choral reading the English department performed for her. (Photo by Erik Munson)



Roger Jacobson: Beginning Accounting, Business Math, Consumer Economics, Typing I

Robert Jeffrey: United States History TAE, World Problems, Assistant Football and Track Coach

Nancy Johnson: French II-IV, Junior Executive Sponsor

Phil Johnson: Formal Geometry, Informal Geometry, Applied Mathematics

James Jones: Physics A

Jane Jorgensen: Educational Aide

Tom Jorgensen: Activities and Athletics Director

Mary Kautzky: Introduction to Modern Dance, Modern Dance I-IV, Rhythmic Aerobics, Choreography, Terpsichore

Mary Kurtz: Chapter 1 Reading Tutor

Cindy Kvale: Physical Science

Sue Lawler: Spanish I-II

Faye Larkins: Secretary





Ward, Brown leave after years of service

As the school year came to a close, so did two teachers' careers. English teacher, Barbara Ward, and librarian, Dorothy Brown, both retired after 21 and 17 years respectively, of service to the school.

Before becoming a teacher, Ward was a journalist for the *Chicago Sun*. After getting her teaching degree in 1964, she came to Ames High and served as the SPIRIT adviser until 1973.

As well as being the yearbook adviser for nine years, she also taught: Composition for the College Bound, Developmental Reading, English 10, and English for Foreign Students.

Using her journalistic talents, she wrote a column for the *Grub Street*, a newsletter published by the Ames Education Association. Her writing style was known for its subtle humor and satire. Mrs. Mona Smith said about the column, "She said what we were feeling but didn't have the courage to say." Her column ran from 1976 to 1979.

After retirement she planned to finish a genealogy book she was writing on her mother's cousin's family. "It's like working on a mystery story," she said.

Mrs. Brown came to Ames High in 1968 after being a librarian for a school in Michigan. She felt her, "favorite part about this school is the students and the teachers."

Mrs. Brown planned to continue her career as librarian for a Presbyterian school in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She commented, "I'm going to miss all my friends here, but I like new experiences. I'm only going to be gone for a year and I'll look forward to coming back (to Ames)."

Both teachers were presented flowers at the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast sponsored by the Student Council, May 8. They were also honored at a retirement party at the Scheman Building on May 28, by the entire faculty.



Ann M. Lee: Special Education, Consumer Buying, Language Arts, Vocal Preparation, EBCE, Cooperative Work Experience, Cheerleading Sponsor.

Bud Legg: Guidance Counselor, Head Girl's Basketball Coach, Head Girl's Softball Coach, *Transitions* Guidance Department Newsletter

Steve Linduska: Introduction to Mass Media, English 10, Mass Media Workshop, *UPDATE* Sponsor

Sigfrid Lybeck: American Literature, English 10 (W), Basic Composition

George MacBride: Audio Visual Coordinator, Co-sponsor for Assembly Committee

Sharon Maroney: Special Needs Resource Courses

Richard McCoy: Director of Orchestra

Mary Mekemson: Project English, Project American History, Multi-categorical Resource Room

Jack Mendenhall: Physical Education, Head Wrestling Coach

Russell Meyer: Director of Marching Band, Varsity Band, Jazz Band II

Jean Miller: Math Tutor, In-school Suspension Supervisor

Pat Moss-Farnan: Guidance Counselor Secretary

Paul Olson: Metals I-II, Contract Metals, Creative Metals, Auto Mechanics I

Suzanne Peters: Project English, Project History

Michael K. Petersen: Physics A, Physics B, Coordinator for Science Trips, Science Scholarship Availabilities, Science Fairs, Science Contests, Independent Science Projects

Barbara Peterson: Spanish III-IV

Dave Posegate: Driver's Education, Head Baseball Coach, SADD advisor

William Ripp: Assistant Principal, Senior Senate advisor

Annette Rowley: British Literature, English 10 (W), Speech I, Honors Speech, World Literature, Basic Composition, Speech Club advisor

Lynette Salazar: Spanish II

Donna Schepers: Adult Living, Creative Foods, Food Today, Clothing I, Fashion Update, Child Development

Kirk Schmalz: Biology A, Biology B

Mary Ann Schmidt: Student Council advisor, Big Sis/Little Sis, Student Review Board, Rules Committee, Multi-cultural Non-Sexist Committee

Richard W. Schneider: Social Psychology, United States Government, Sociology

Sally Schonhorst: French I-III

Marvin Scott: Western Civilization, United States History TAE, Survey United States History, Model United Nations, Wargamers, *Daily Albino* advisor

Bernadette Siebert: Receptionist/Switchboard Operator

John Sletten: Basic Composition, American Literature, English 10, Composition for the College Bound, English 10 (W), Discussion and Argumentation, Head Boy's Track Coach, Head Boy's Cross Country Coach

Ray Smalling: Restricted Study Hall Advisor

Mona Smith: English 10 (W), Perspectives in Literature, Spanish I, World Literature

Ann Stokka: Office Secretary and Bookkeeper

Larry Strom: Formal Geometry, Informal Geometry, Sophomore Boy's Basketball Coach, Assistant Track Coach

Floyd Sturtevant: Chemistry B, Honors Chemistry

Jerrold Swenson: Woodworking, Special Needs Industrial Arts, Architectural Drafting and Design

Elenore Tallman: Special Education English and Career Preparation

Dale Tramp: Dean of Students, Guidance, Sophomore Football Coach, Volunteers' Coordinator



Teachers regard students as pests, pets

As long as there had been schools, there had been the ongoing feud between teachers and students. Sometimes the two groups got along, other times they were at each others' throats. Although the criticisms were numerous, so were compliments as teachers agreed that students weren't all bad.

They commented that they appreciated students who were excited about learning. Mrs. Lynette Salazar said she enjoyed students "who were willing to put forth effort and who will let loose and have fun in the subject."

Mrs. Bauske listed responsiveness, a sense of humor and sensitivity to other's feelings as good characteristics.

Mr. Kirk Daddow commented on students' personalities. "AHS students are exceptionally easy to get along with."

The faculty had many positive things to say about students, ranging from

good class preparation to honesty and reliability. Mrs. Dorothy Brown summed up many of the faculty's comments, "She said she admired students, "who are friendly and appreciative of what parents and teachers are doing for them, and students who do their best to achieve in their work and extracurricular activities."

Along with the good points, though, there were the bad. Teachers were annoyed by everything from litter in the halls to students' lack of effort in class. In response to a survey, several teachers commented that they disliked attitudes towards grades.

"Students are not willing to put forth the effort required for a grade, but they want the A or B anyway," said one teacher.

they don't do as well as they want ot," said one teacher.

Many teachers also complained about students' priorities. "Many students put

work and athletics before school and they believe that either is a valid excuse for not having their homework done," commented another teacher.

Besides these serious criticisms, several teachers remarked about less-serious annoyances. Daddow commented on one problem with AHS students. "Their failure to appreciate 50's music and its role in developing today's rock."

Another teacher said, "The most annoying and disappointing thing to me is how the boys stood in the lobby and rated the girls as they walked by." He continued, "Another annoyance: those students who do not know that intimate contact is not a spectator sport."

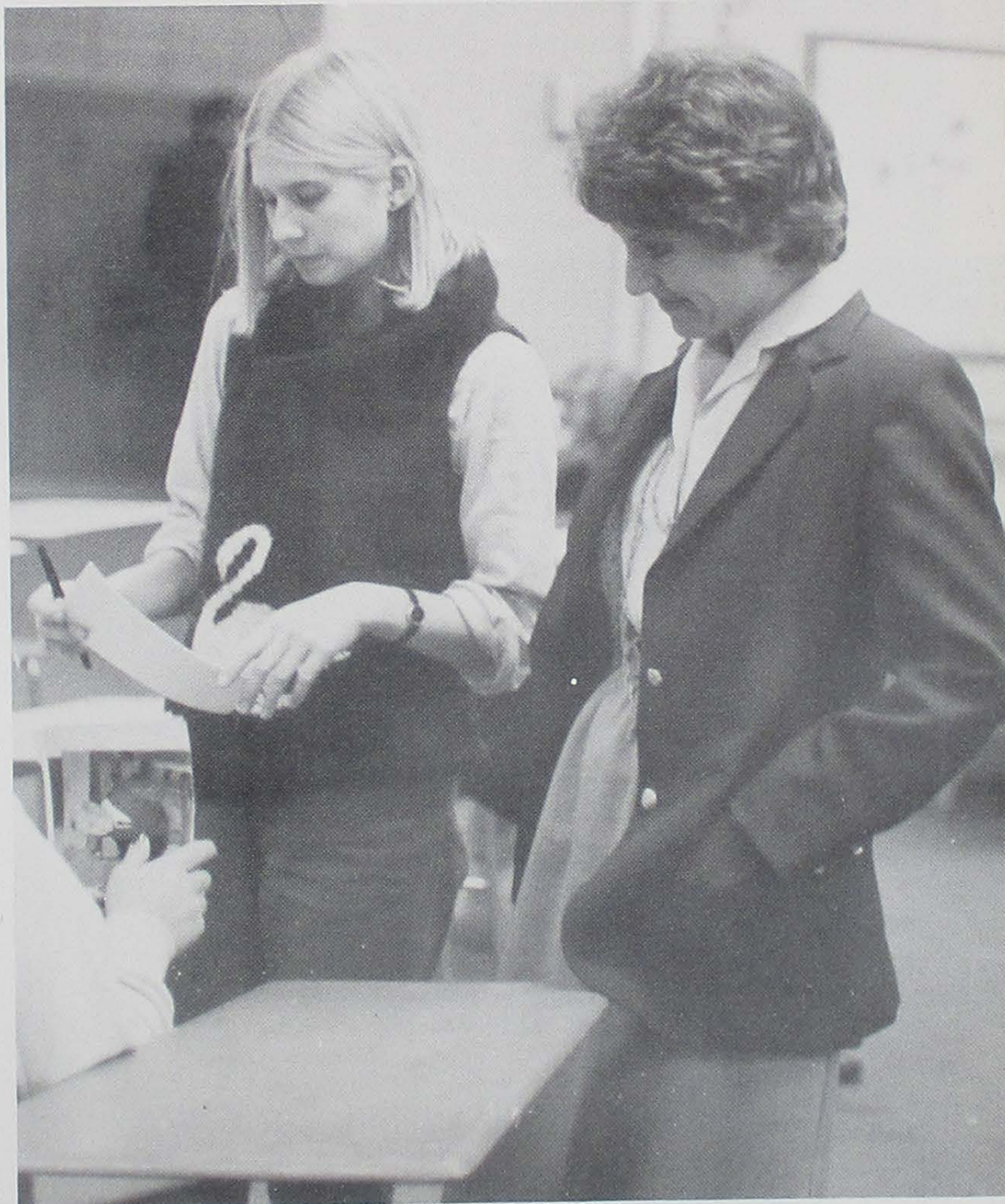
Although there was tension at times, both students and teachers balanced out the bad and good points to create a happy medium in the classroom.



CUSTODIANS. Dave Weiss, Vince Simon, Khamtanh Phompheng, Don Fitzgerald, Ray Huston. **Not Pictured:** James Cole, Doug Elliott, Paula Freeman, Clyde Kopf, Richard Martin, Sorn Somsanith, Larry Wearth. (Photo by Vel Randic.)



FOOD SERVICE. **Front Row:** Jan Wandersee, Patty Montag, Darlene Hade, Marilyn Larson, Alice Janssen. **Back Row:** Charlene Wee, Alice Sorenson, Judy Hopson, Anna Thiel, Joyce Bowers, Shirley Hulse, Carol Loken. **Not Pictured:** Ruth Alber, Mildred Brown, Shirley Hildebrand, Irene Keiver, Val Krokowski, Doris Moore, Sharon Mott, Verna Scandrett. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)



TALKING IT OVER. Plans for a lecture on Mexican Christmas traditions are being made by Mrs. Barbara Peterson and senior Anja Trebes. (Photo by Barb Farrar.)

Green thumbs find a home

When you walked through the biology hall and something grabbed you, you shouldn't have been scared. It was just one of the new tropical plants that had crept its way out of its new home, the \$60,000 greenhouse. The four biology teachers had their dreams come true when their plans to build a new greenhouse were approved by the Ames School System.

The new greenhouse, whose dimensions were 110 ft. by 27 ft., was divided into three different rooms and whose temperatures could be controlled separately. Green Room #1 was primarily used as a research room and an experimental lab. Green Room #2 was where the actual planting and breeding took place. Room #3, the Conservatory, was the place where the tropical plants such as banana trees and rubber plants were kept.

"ISU was extremely helpful in starting our greenhouse. They sent consultants out to design the basic structure. They were also helpful in donating various plants and necessities that we needed to make the greenhouse work," said Mr. Bob Gibbons, head of the project.

Mr. Gibbons felt that the new greenhouse would help the biology classes immediately. "The greenhouse," said Mr. Gibbons, "will give immediate hands-on experience with plants." Planting, breeding, and pruning were all studied in the botany chapter of the biology course.

The construction of the greenhouse began in the last week of July, 1984. "The Iowa Youth Corps played a major role in laying the major foundation of the greenhouse. The whole science staff was also in on the action," Mr. Gibbons commented. In order to save money, the plumbing and electrical wiring was done by the maintenance staff at AHS.

"I'm glad to see the new greenhouse. My favorite room is the one with all of the tropical plants. The greenhouse added a new dimension to the science wing," concluded junior Chad Bauman.

POINSETTIA PROUD. Preparing a poinsettia for sale, Mr. Kirk Schmalz pauses to proudly display a product of the greenhouse. (Photo by Erin Anderson.)



FINAL PREPARATIONS. Note cards are added to poinsettia plants by Mr. Gerald Dunn, Mr. Bob Gibbons, and Mr. Kirk Schmalz. (Photo by Erin Andersen.)

WATERING TIME. Hoses connected to a water pipe made watering the plants easy. Sophomores John Kuhl and Jana Lynott hook up the system. (Photo by Erin Anderson.)





Eileen Tramp: School Nurse
Tony VanderZyl: Algebra I-II
Mary Van Marel: Career Exploration English as a Second Language



Georgia Vondra: Principal's Secretary
Barbara H. Ward: English 10, Developmental Reading, Composition for the College Bound
Richard White: Anthropology, Honors American History, United States History TAE



Rose M. Wilcox: Office Education, Typing I-III, Shorthand, Cadet Teaching, Business Education Department Coordinator, Office Education Club
Charles Windsor: Physics B, Director of Girl's Intramural Basketball
Al Wiser: Director of Concert Choir, Sophomore Mixed Chorus, Treble Pops Choir, Madrigal Choir



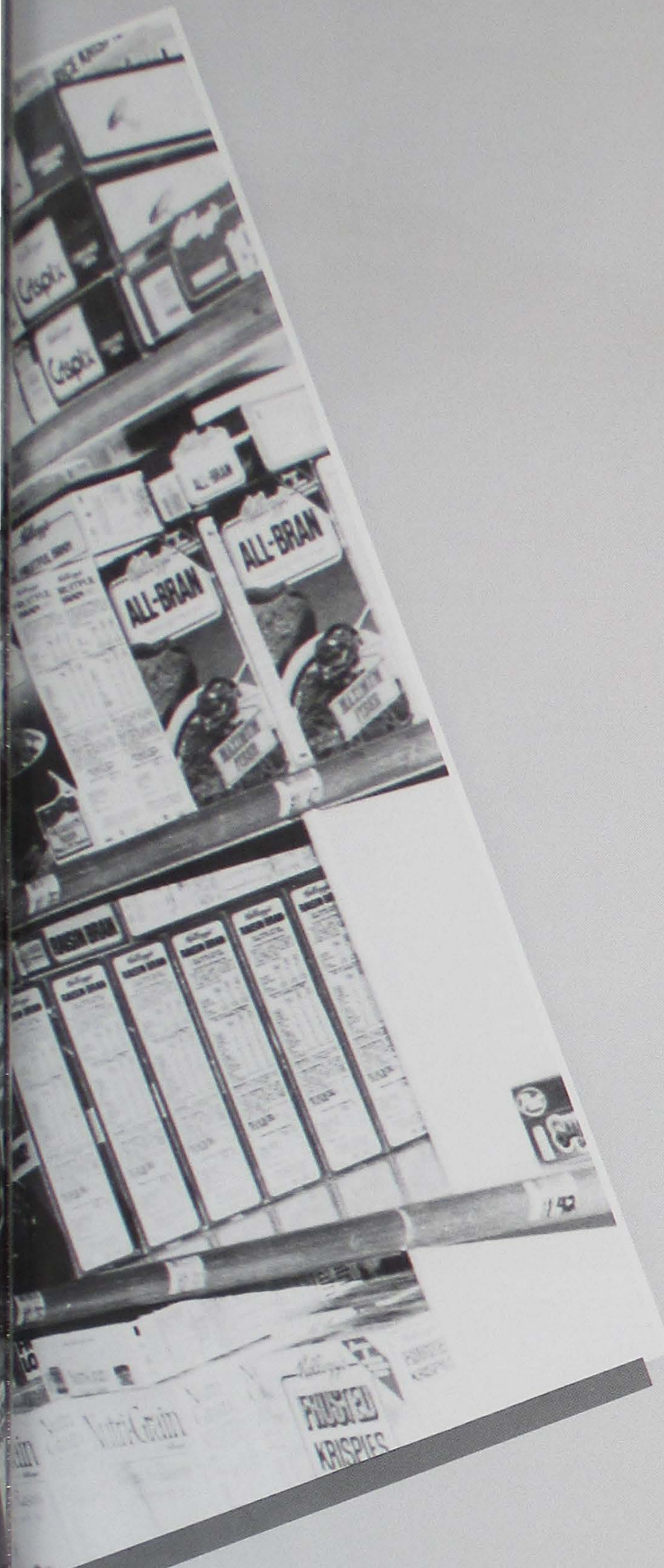
Michael Wittmer: Physical Education, Credit P.E., Girl's and Boy's Swimming Coach
Nikki Wittmer: Secretary
Walter Wood: Trigonometry, Analytic Geometry, Probability and Statistics, Essential Math



Hilary Ziebold: Secretary
Larry Zwagerman: Guidance Counselor, Student Council advisor

BREAKFAST FOR CHAMPIONS. On the job, senior Dan Toporek restocks cereal boxes at Fareway. Many students at Ames High were employed by Fareway. (Photo by Lisa Huber)





When we joined different organizations and sports, not only did we need a talent to fit the group, but we also had to be able to raise money. Many organizations were only partially funded by the school, so many of us had to plan numerous candy, tee-shirt, and bake sales to cover costs.

The Activity Fund Drive was held in September. We raised \$12,000, \$4,000 more than last year by going door-to-door and asking for donations or selling activity tickets. The money from the Drive went to the Activity Fund to help buy new uniforms, equipment and cover other costs.

A favorite way to raise money was through candy sales. Band, *SPIRIT*, Student Council and members of the People-to-People program all tried to increase funds by peddling Sweetarts, M&Ms, "World's Finest" Chocolate, and Skittles. Some groups used the money for trips. For example, band members contributed over \$1500 to their budget for the Kansas City tour, while others like Student Council gave their earnings to charity.

April 8-12, Student Council held their annual Welfare Week, to raise money for the Story County Food Shelter. A carnival, candy sales, an I-Ball All Stars vs. the faculty basketball game and home-room collections brought this year's donation up to \$1000.

Another popular method to raise funds was bake sales. Throughout the year we were able to purchase cookies, brownies, cakes and crepes from such groups as the Mat Maids, cheerleaders, *SPIRIT*, and the French IV classes. Money earned went to such things as decorations for wrestler's lockers, color pages in the yearbook and a French dinner at Aunt Maude's.

Whether it was donations to the Food Shelter or money towards spot color in the yearbook, we spent much of our time trying to raise money. In most cases, we collected more than last year, making our fund-raising efforts A Cut Above.



A Cut Above

AIDS

Lynnette Bauge

The future is yours. Go for it!
Mom and Dad



Chris Benson

We're proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Jeff and Jennifer



April Bielefeldt

April, may you achieve all your aspirations.
Our love always,
Mom, Dad and Angie

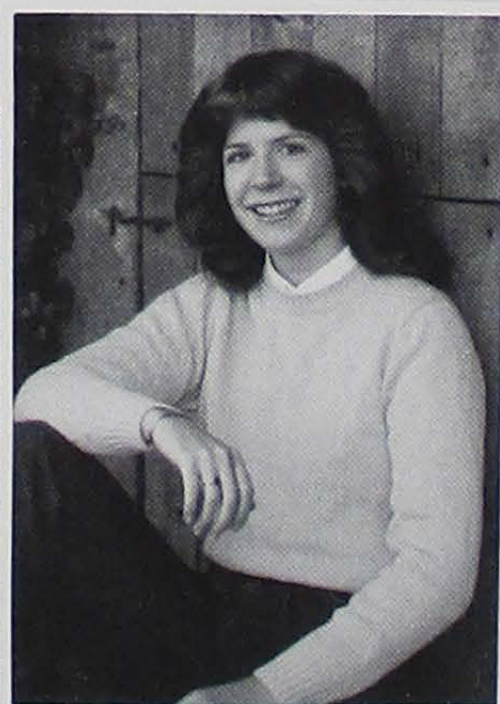


Lori Birdseye

Our prayer is that life will always give you something to cheer about! Love,
Mom, Dad, and Family

Kathy Brockman

Thank you for being our daughter. We love you.
Mother and Dad



Janelle Bunde

Eight homes, six towns, three states, seven schools in 18 years. Your excellence in school — a great accomplishment.
Love,
Your Family



Karen Christenson

Little girls do grow up!
Thanks for all the memories!
Love,
Mom and Dad



Jeff Coe

We love you and
we're proud of you.
Mom and Dad



Sandy Collins

Always have a good time in
your life — as you have
this last year.
Love,
Mom, Clint, Deb and Ann



Susan Colwell

Congratulations, keep
up the good work!
Mom and Dad



Meikka Ann Cutlip

Congratulations, and best
wishes!
Love,
Mom, Dad and Michael



Stacy Dalton

We'll remember all the hap-
py moments with love for
you.
Mom, Dad and Jonathan





Christie Dunn

Congratulations as you
enter another world of
new beginnings!
Love, Dad, Mom and Jim

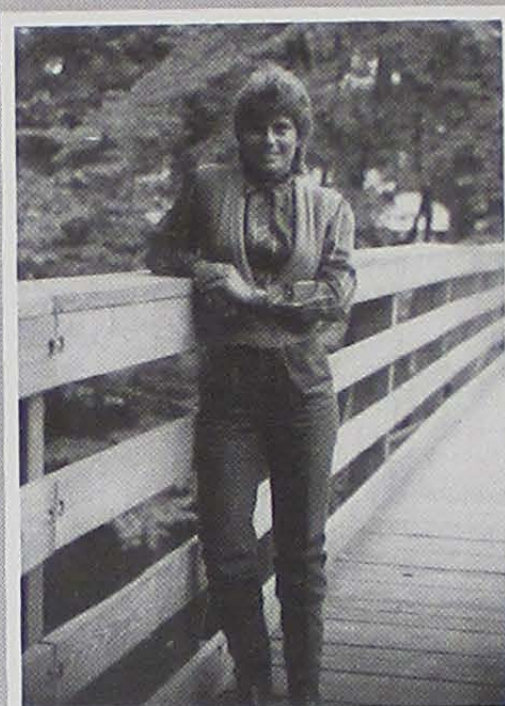
Tina Edwards

May life also smile on you.
Love,
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Shelly Elsberry

Best of luck in the
future.
Love always,
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Troy M. Evans

"Congratulations and
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You've given us many
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You have special talents
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You are the "light of my life. I couldn't be prouder."
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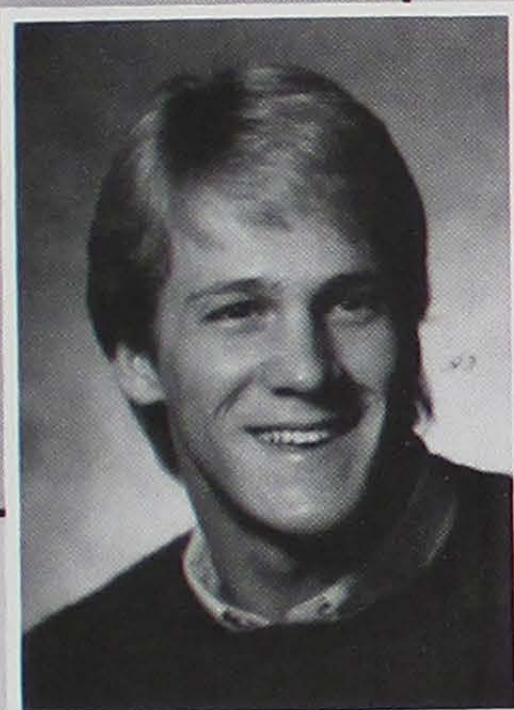


Linda Graver

Congratulations! Another accomplishment towards the best of everything.
Love,
Mom

Mark Haas

Congratulations Mark!
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Mark Hanson

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Mary Ann Hegland

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Darin Hinderaker

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James Hockett

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Marty Kiser

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We know you'll succeed in whatever you do.
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Karen Koellner

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Kris Latuska

May the accomplishments you worked so hard for bring you many future rewards.
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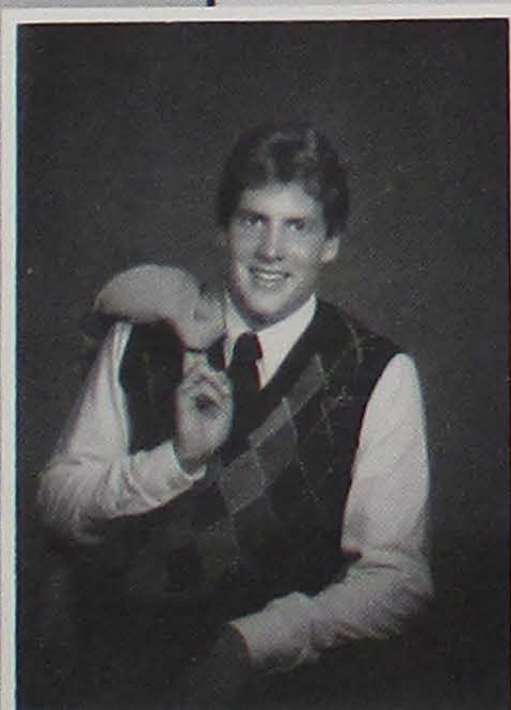
Sally Lendt

Congratulations, with love and pride and best wishes!
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Greg Malcom

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Our breezy day, warm and sweet,
Our flower, never wilting,
You'll not change in our hearts.
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Jill Peterson

Best wishes in all you do!
Love,
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You make us proud
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Great job Bret!
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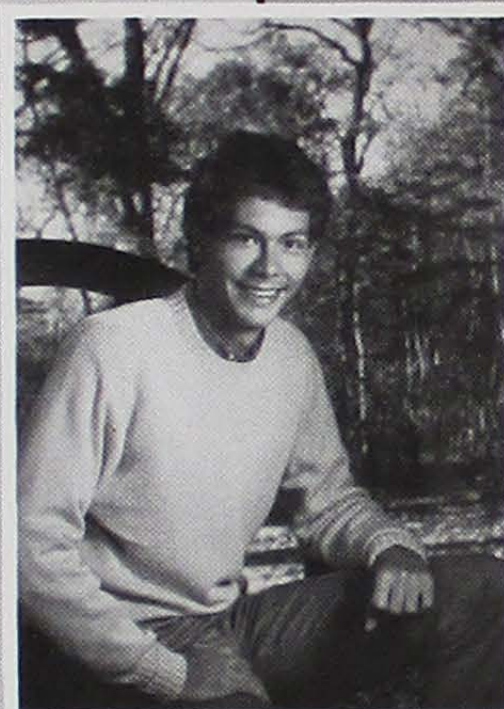
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Congratulations Babe, we
love you.
Mom and Megan



Stacy Setterberg

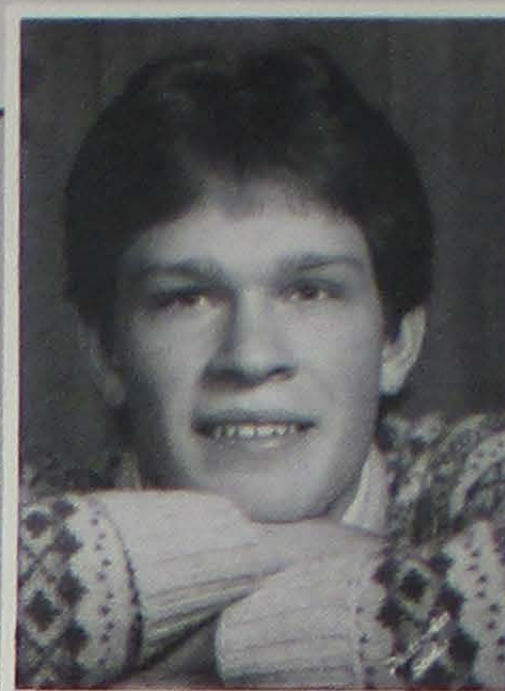
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Love you always,
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Julie Slater

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Bob Smithson

Congratulations and best wishes to our little drummer boy!
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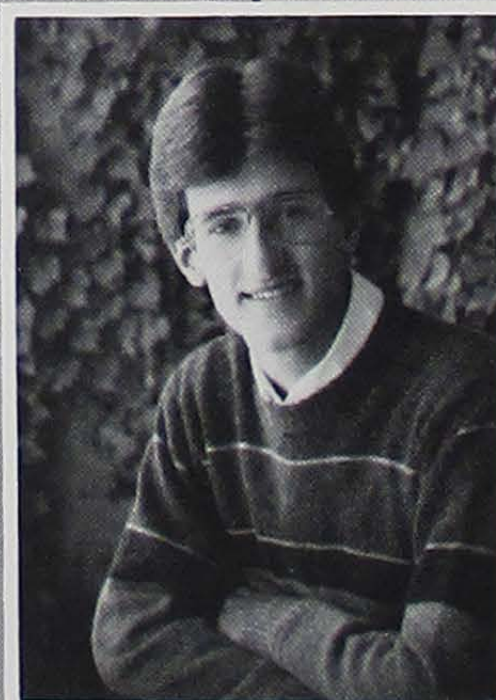
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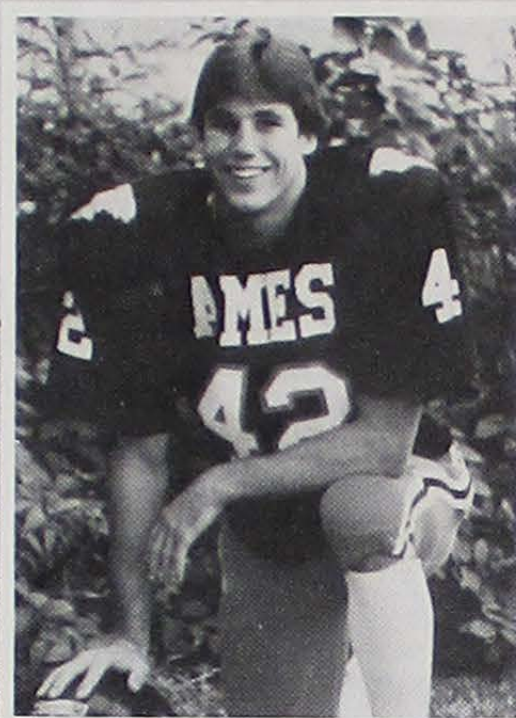
Susan Thompson

Don't let the little people get
you down!
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Tonya Valentine

Congratulations. I am very
proud of you. The future is
yours, go for it.
Love,
Mom



Charles Vondra

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in future endeavors.
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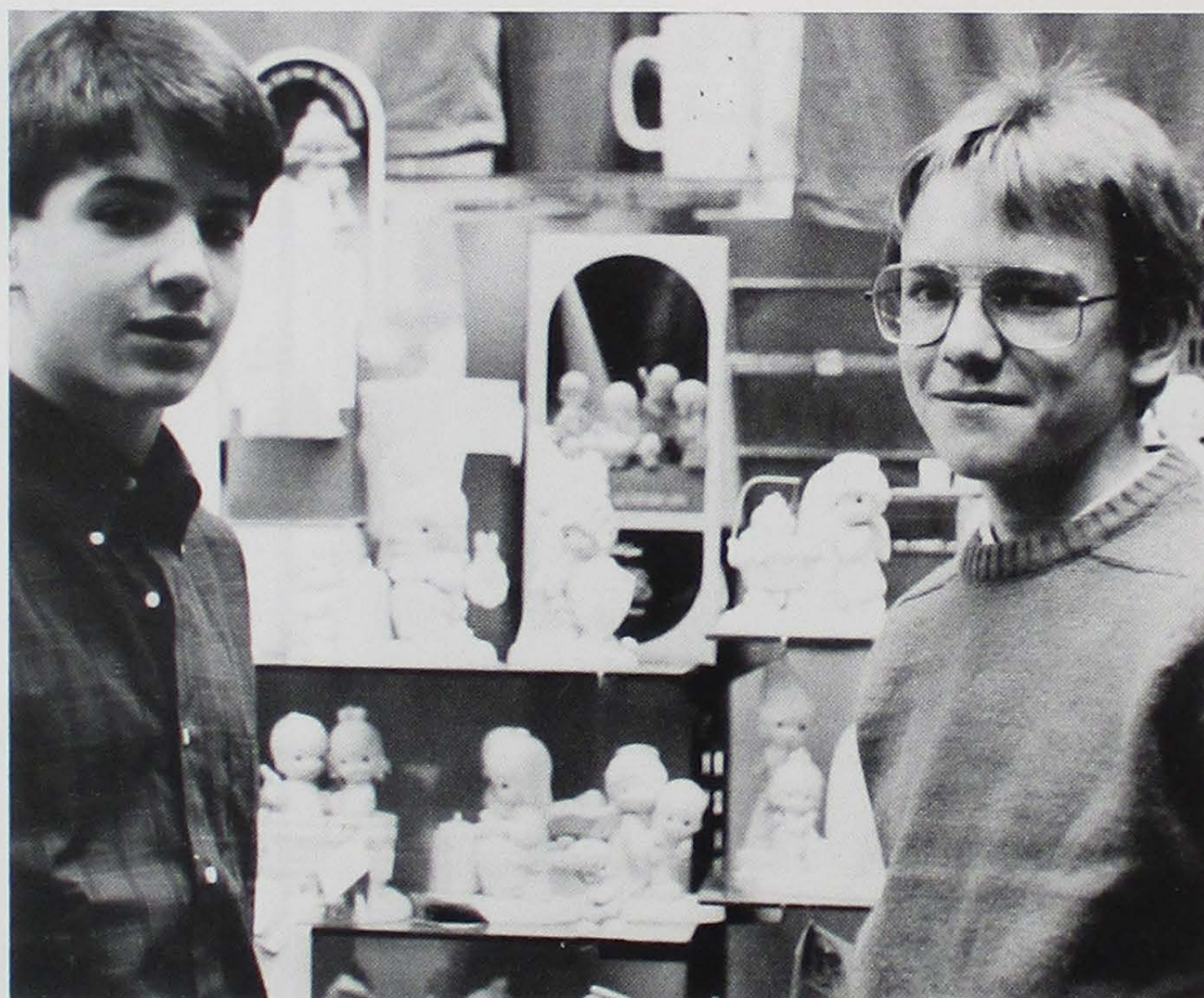
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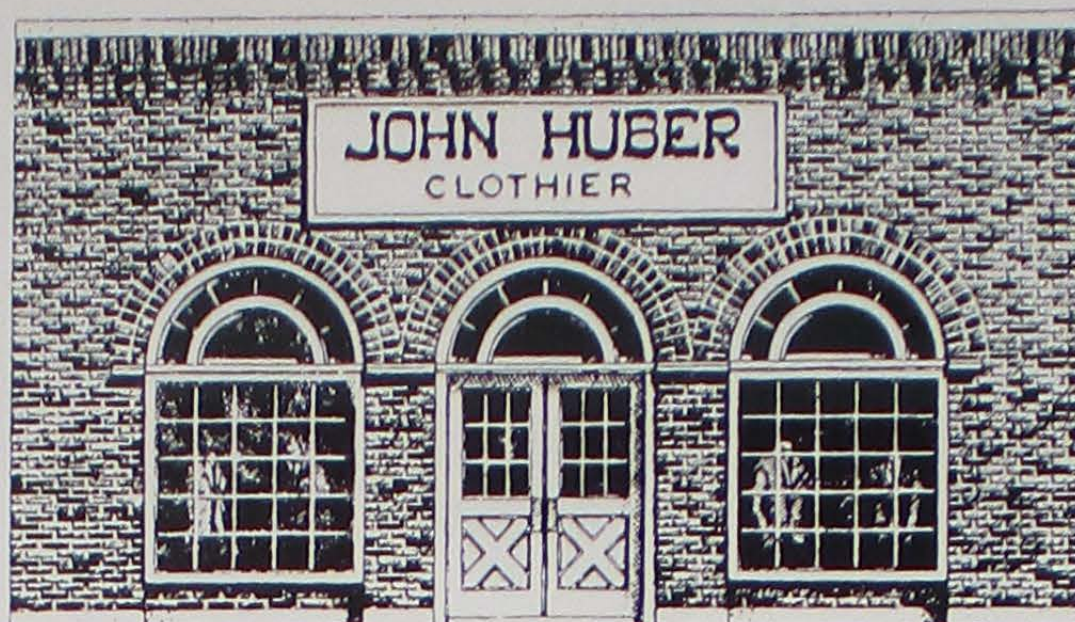
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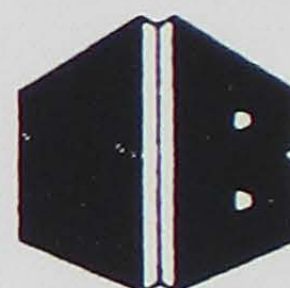
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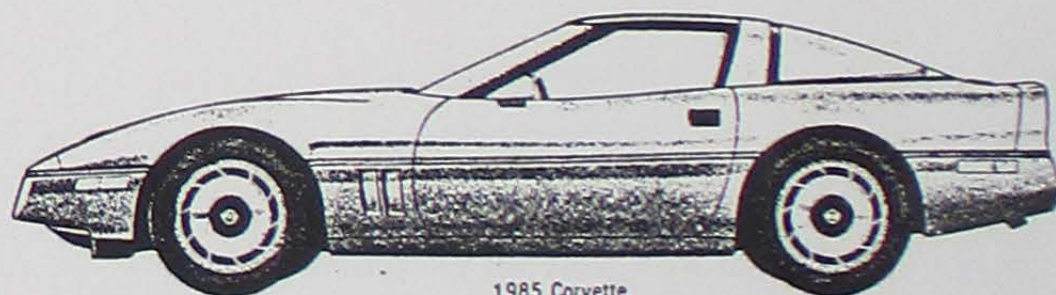
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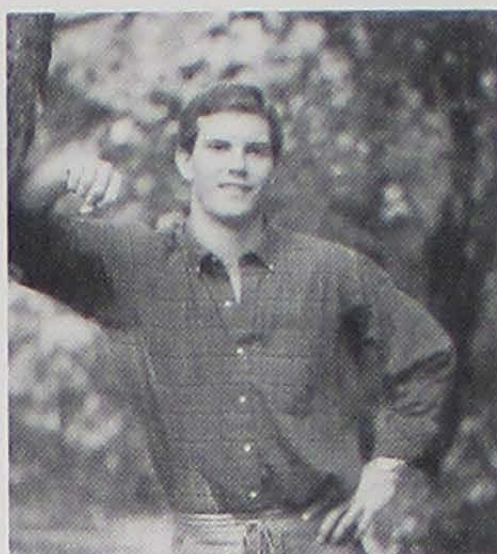
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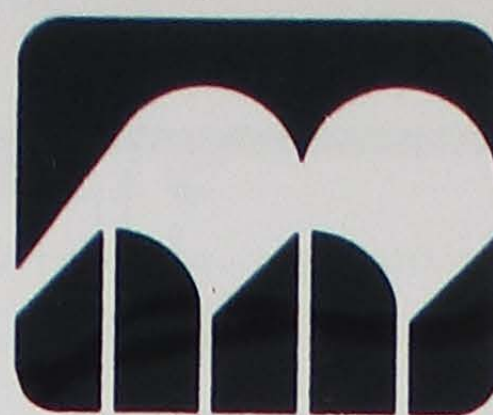
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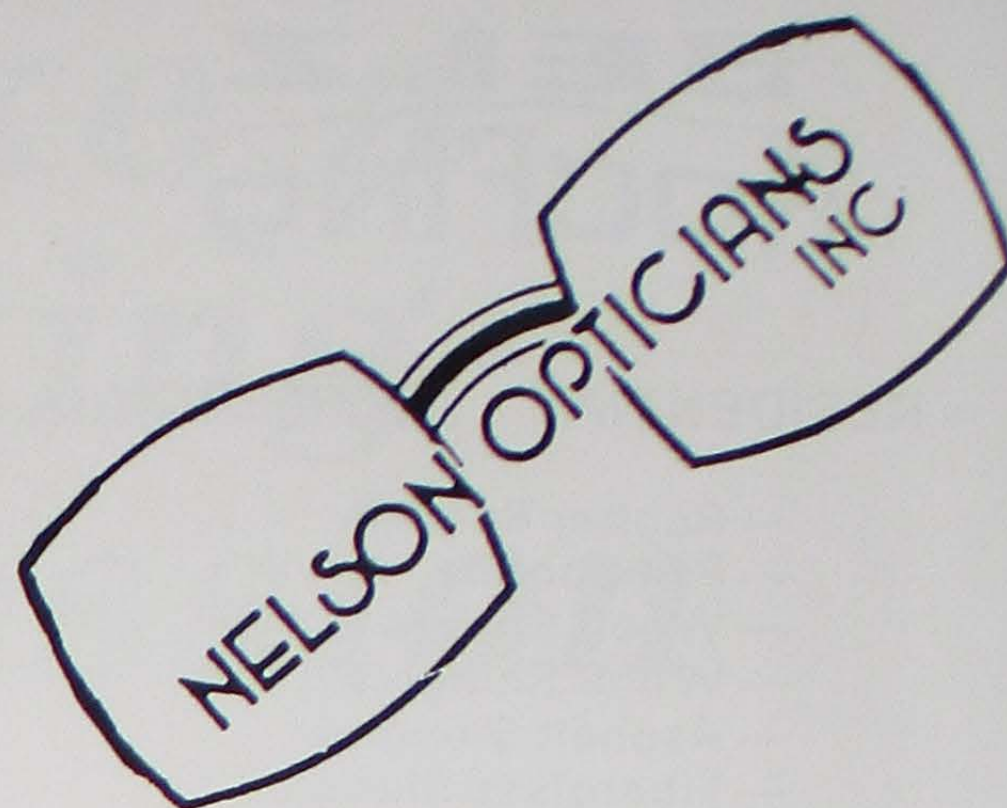
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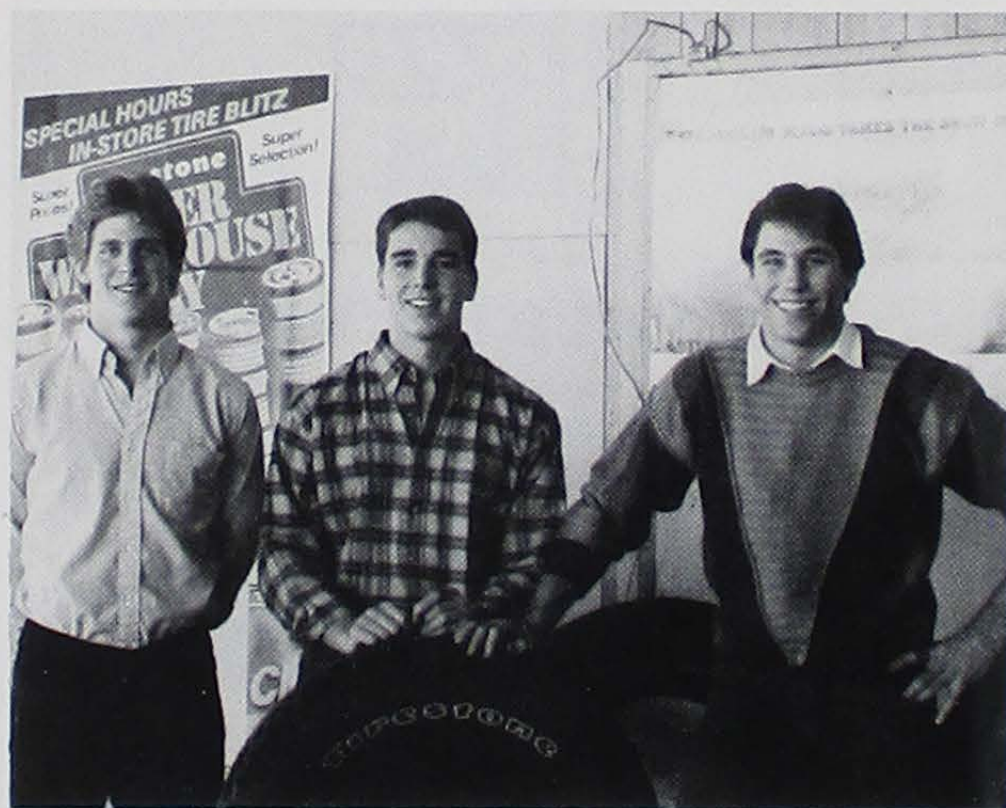
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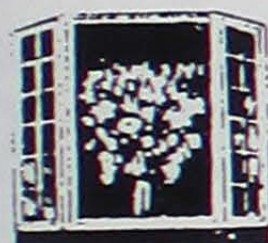


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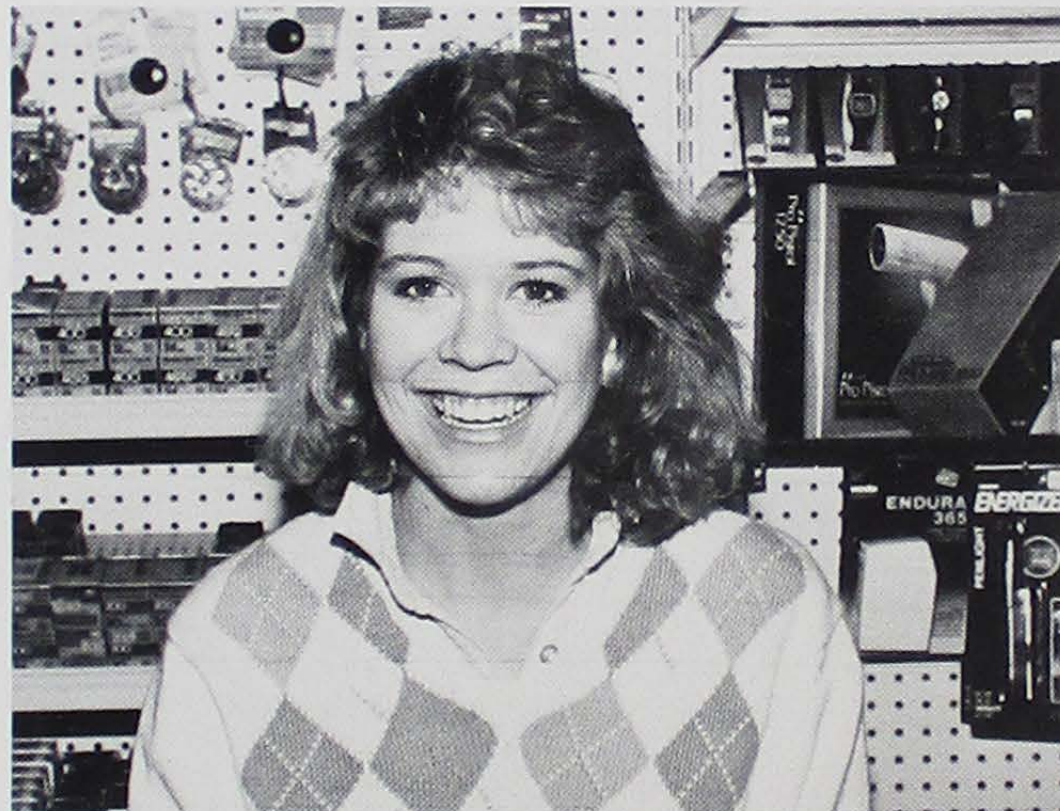
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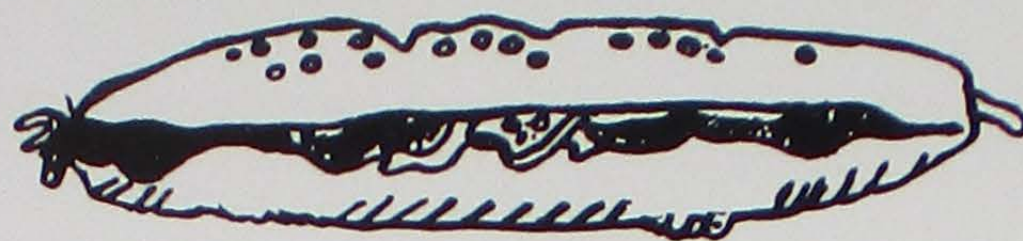
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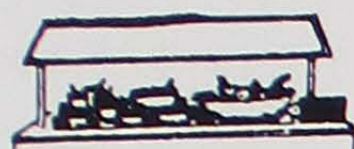
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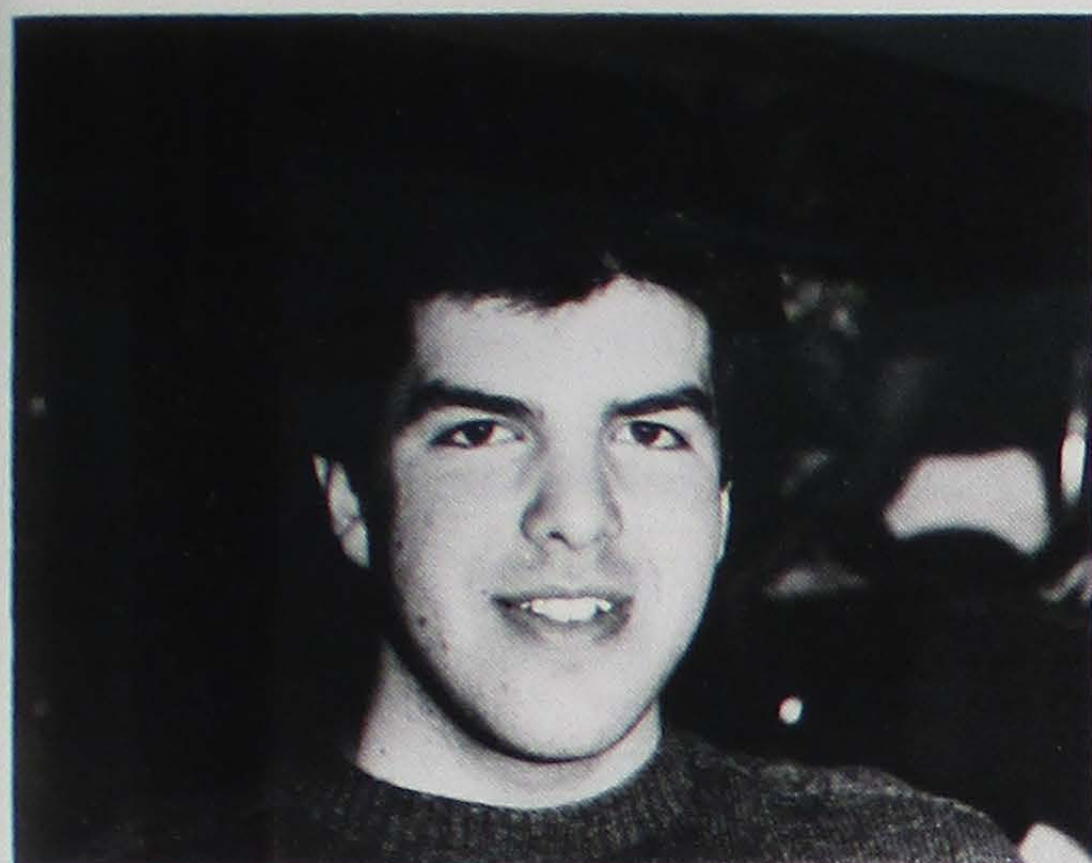


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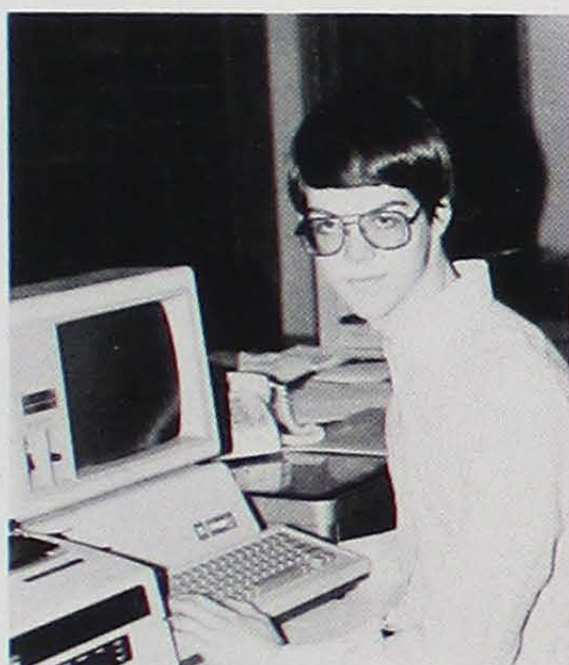


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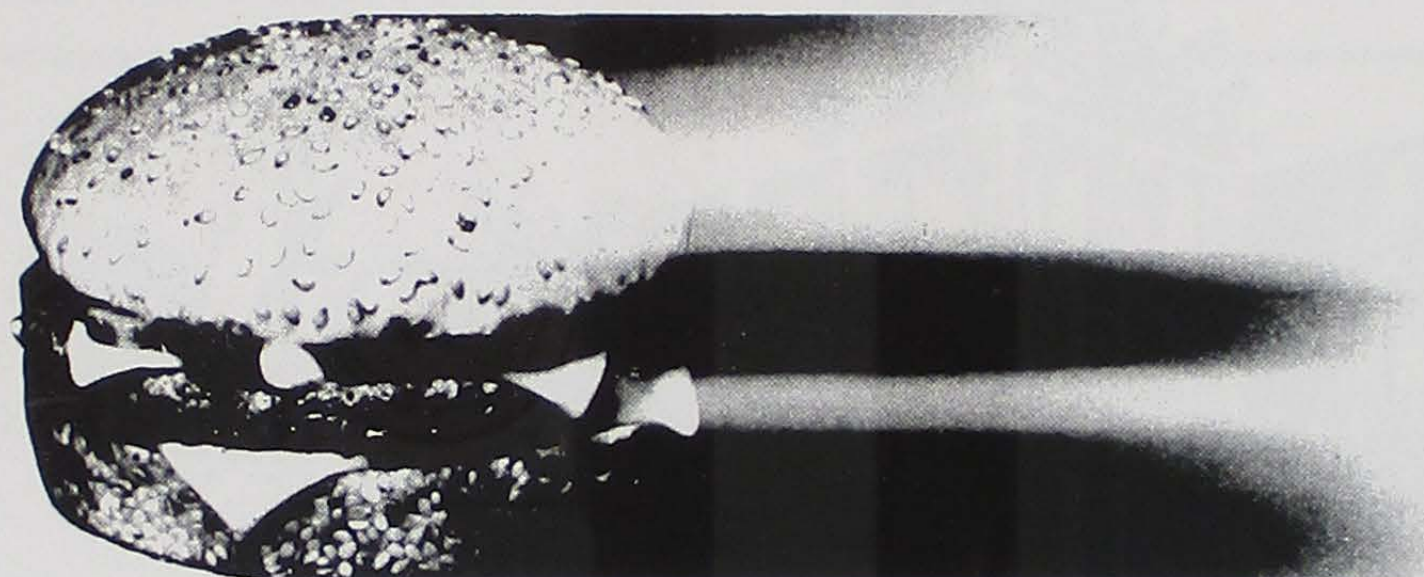
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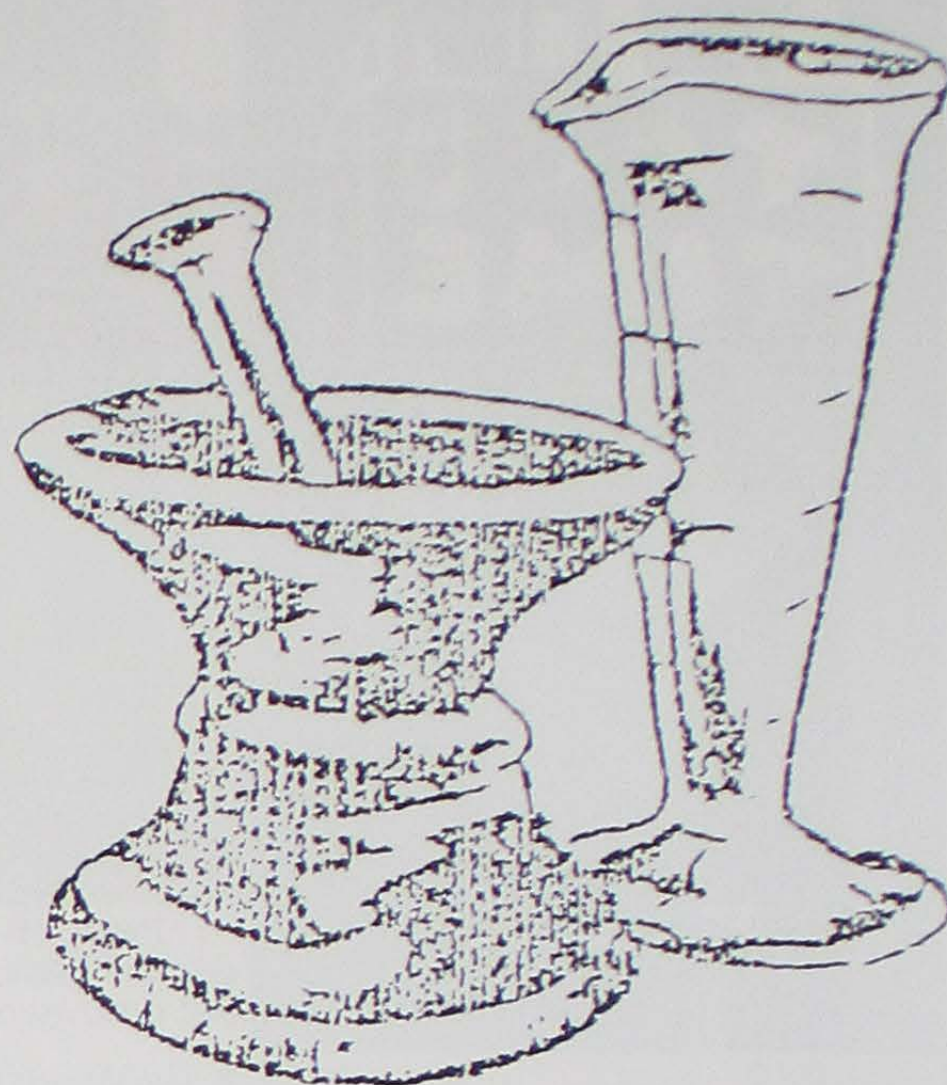


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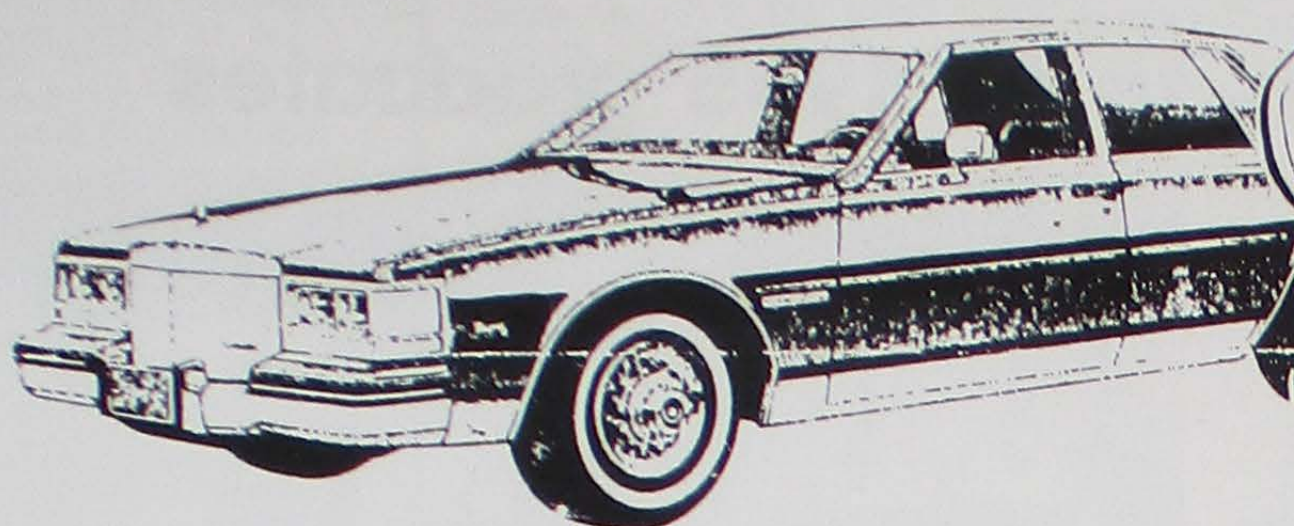
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What's inside SPIRIT⁸⁵

SPIRIT, volume 73, was put together by 46 students at Ames High School in Ames, Iowa. The book was printed by Josten's Printing and Publishing in Topeka, Kansas. The account was served by Chuck Walter as the company representative and Gail Armstrong at the publishing plant.

The theme, "A Cut Above", was created at the University of Minnesota summer workshop by the editors. It was chosen to emphasize the desire to uphold the school's high standards that won it the Excellence in Education award in Spring, 1984.

The cover introduces the theme by utilizing Red 331, Black 326, and Gray 356 in a silkscreen. The cover art was entirely designed by the school. The display type used for theme development, and drop initials was custom-designed for the staff.

The endsheets used the Avant Garde type face and photos to introduce the table of contents on the front endsheets, and the staff box on the back. All of this was printed in black ink with Red 185 spot color.

The entire 292 pages of the book were printed on 80 pound Gloss 191 paper.

All copy in the book (with the exception of some advertisements) is set in the Avant Garde typeface ranging in size from 8 pt. to 36 pt. Both boldface and regular typesets are utilized in the captions, body copy, kickers and headlines.

All sections of the book utilized columnar layouts except for the opening, closing, division pages, Events (student life), and the Mini-Mag section; these used a free-form layout style. The Events section is arranged in chronological order by months focusing on school, local, and national events.

The six-column Games (sports) section included copy written by team members regarding the season, on the Junior Varsity spread. On these spreads a 30% black screen runs diagonally behind the copy.

CUT-OUTS, (the Mini-Mag) section featured individuals whose special talents hadn't been covered elsewhere in the book. The features were highlighted by blocks of color and confetti-like shapes of Red 185, Green 347, Blue P-700, Gold 123, and Purple 527.

The Classes (academics) section was organized topically, instead of by department. A circle of 30% black with a tilted, shadowed mug shot of a teacher and a quote on the feature alternated from side to side on the spreads.

The Groups (organizations) section incorporated a copy block on the group and a feature that focused on all organizations. Behind the group copy was a 30% black triangle, and the first letter of the copy was a drop initial.

The Faces (people) section was designed using both modular and columnar designs. 30% black screens were used in all sections, sophomore through faculty,

and 10% black screens highlighted the senior credits.

The business section and the index were designed on a four-column base, and the senior ads were done in a free-form layout.

The book contains 24 pages of process color and 70 color pictures are used for these pages. The entire book included over 1500 black and white photos, shot by the photography staff.

To prepare for creating the book, staff members attended workshops at Iowa State University, University of Iowa, University of Minnesota, and Ball State University. They also attended the state conference held at Iowa State University, and the JEA national convention in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

The 1984 SPIRIT received a four-star All-American rating from the National Scholastic Press Association, First Place from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association and second place sweepstakes honors in the Iowa High School Press Association fall yearbook contest.

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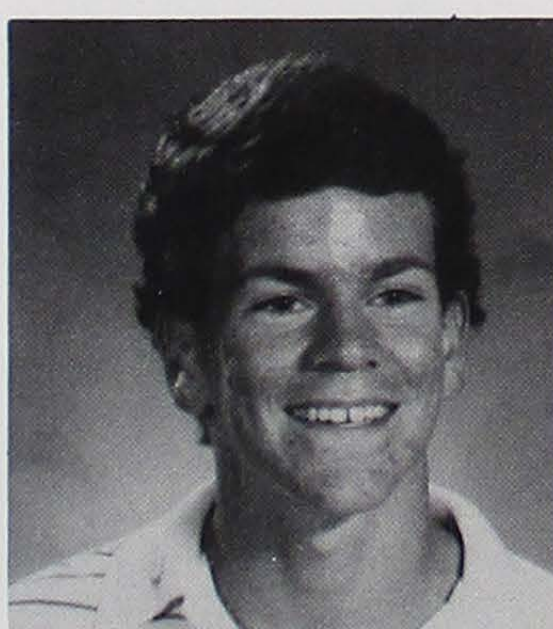
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Life had just begun
Now you leave it all behind
and fade through

We all must let you go
You have a destiny
a destiny with God

I'm sure you're watching us now
as we give our last farewells
until another time-
we all now shall continue down
our own paths

There will be times when we
will remember you-
and I'm sure you'll remember us

The last words you said to me
were "see ya later"-
how appropriate

We shall all see you later-but
we must look forward-look
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OPENING ACT. The air bands offered a variety of bands and sounds. Sophomore Gina Thompson does her thing to *The Time*, in the first act of the evening. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)

HAND OFFS AND HAND-OUTS. At the State track meet, junior Darren Milliken hands the baton to senior Bob Devens. At her 4-H club bake sale, junior Cathy Stidwell sells senior Rich Holst a snack. (Photos by Chris Benson, Barb Farrar.)

AT BAT. At practice, senior Dave Stenberg awaits the pitch. Stenberg played second base for the Little Cyclones. (Photo by Amy Bleyle)

SMASH IT UP. Displaying his strength, junior Donny McMillen takes a swing at the side of the car. The Car Smash was a part of Welfare Week which helped raise one thousand dollars. (Photo by Mark Hanson)



Finally, after a winter full of 60 degrees below zero wind-chill factors, it began to get warmer. Little by little, the courtyard began to fill with sun-worshippers. And then, while we were getting burned by the first strong ultra-violet rays, spring arrived.

As some of us arrived back from France, Spain, California, Florida and Colorado after spring break, we were greeted by unseasonably warm weather. The last leg of the school year had begun.

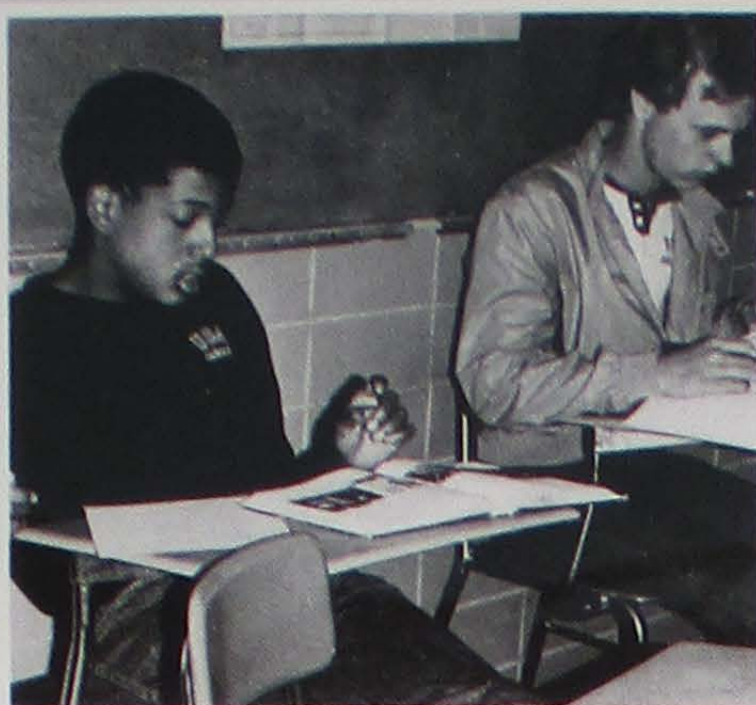
The track team began practice with high expectations for the district and state track meets. Student council became organized under the new leadership of senior tri-presidents Chris Benson, Jenny Bowler, and Lori VanSickle.

We began to buckle down with our studies to keep our grades out of the third quarter slump and seniors started receiving acceptance letters from various colleges and universities.

It was the last three months of the school year, and we were determined to make the best of it.

The spring sports practiced long and hard, and many individuals gained state, and some national, attention. Both the boys' and girls' track teams did exceptionally well at districts; the girls' team won first place for the first time ever.

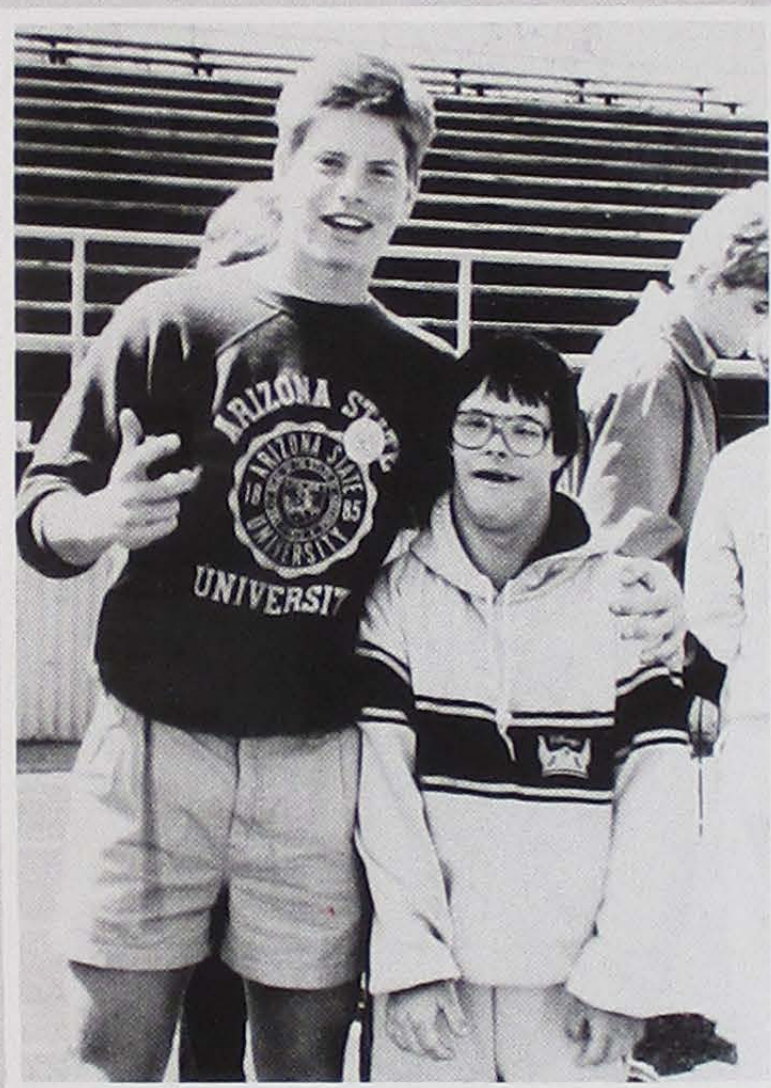




TAKING A SPIN. Homeroom 202's "Chaudmobile" was a popular ride at the Welfare Week carnival. Seniors Lori VanSickle and Amy Myers are treated to a cruise. (Photo by Barb Farrar)

FINISHING UP. Before graduating, seniors were required to take a U.S. Government class. Senior Joe Pugh gets a head start on his homework before the period ends. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)

SUMMER FUN. With temperatures in the mid-eighties, seniors Rich Holst, Laurie Lutz and Vel Randic dance on the edge of the golf course at the annual Senior Picnic. (Photo by Barb Farrar)



TWO PALS. Congratulating a Special Olympic participant, sophomore Steve Nichol puts his arm around his friend. Participants for the Special Olympics came from Ames and surrounding communities. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)



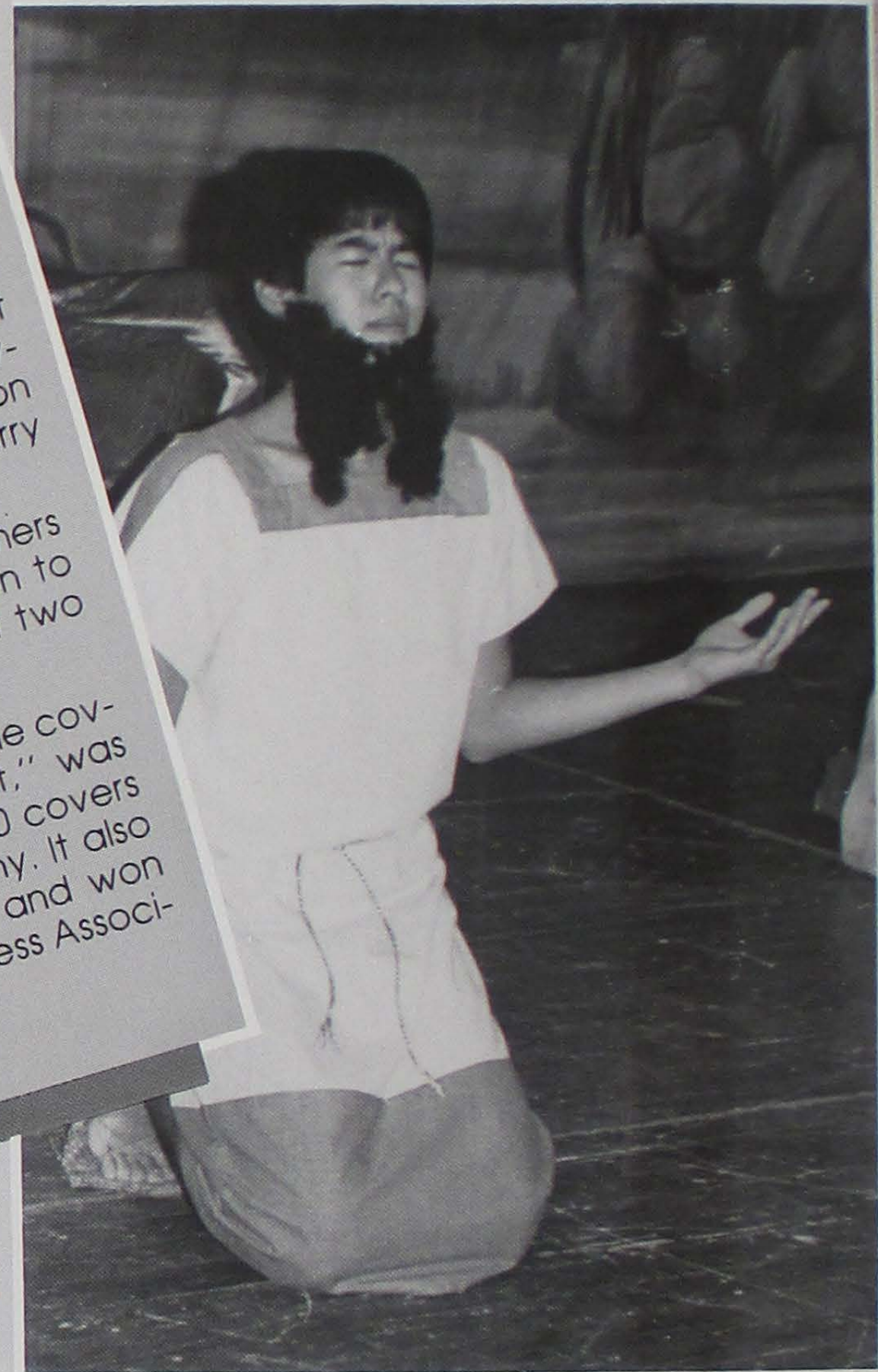
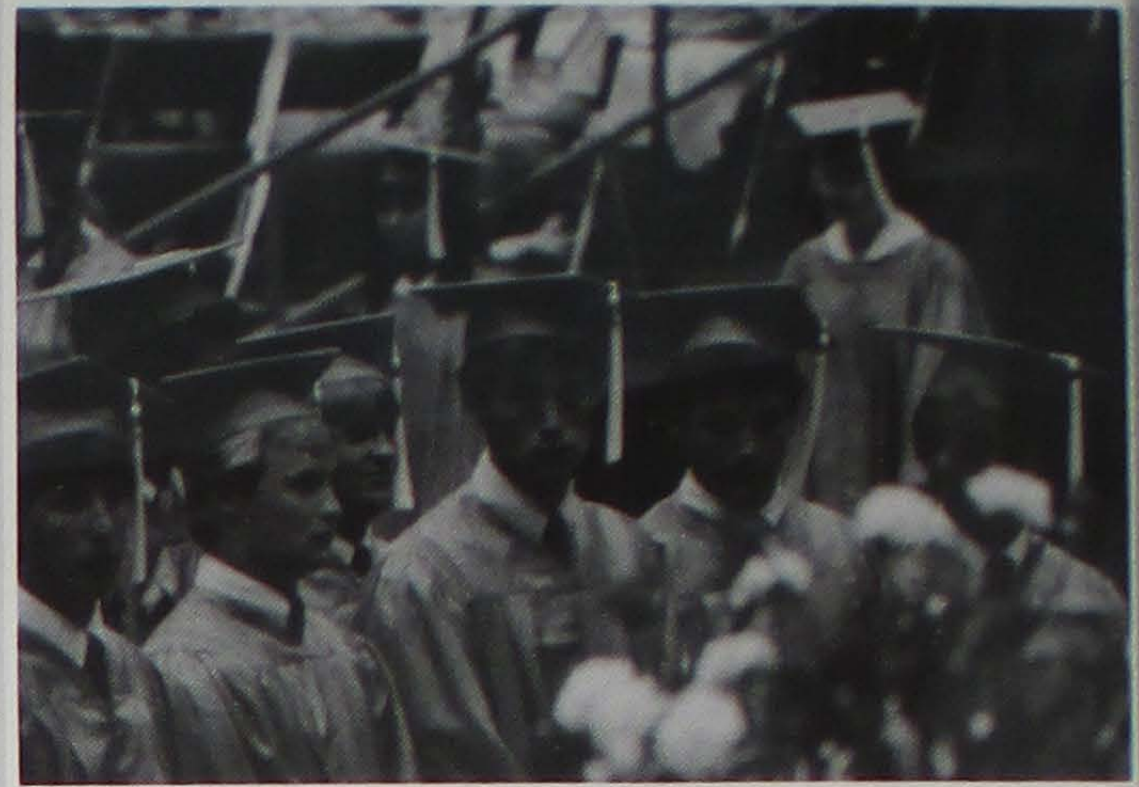
VALENTINE'S DAY SPIRIT. At a pep assembly held in February senior cheerleader Lori Birdseye dresses up to comply with the Valentine's Day theme. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)

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GRAND ENTRANCE. Waiting to take their seats, seniors Kevin Hansen, Jeff Bundy, Scott Whigham and Steve Cook await the beginning of the graduation ceremony. (Photo by Leah Pease)

PLAYING THE PART. In the fall play, "The Warrior's Husband" senior John Lee plays the role of Sapiens. Lee not only acts, but he has also written a play which he hopes to have published. (Photo by Anja Trebes)



Senior Karen Koellner seemed to make the papers daily with her record-breaking times. She ended up with the state record in the 110m open hurdles, 400m hurdles, distance medley, and the open 800m.

Along with the sports teams, many of the organizations had busy springs. Student Council held its annual Welfare Week, April 8-12. They raised \$1000 for the Story County Food Shelf through donations, a carnival, an I-Ball All-Stars game, and candy sales.

One hundred-seventy-eight band members went on tour in Kansas City, April 21-23. They saw several jazz bands, went sightseeing to the Nelson Art Gallery, Federal Reserve Bank, City Hall, Harry S. Truman Library, and visited Worlds of Fun. Speech Club sent 17 of its individual performers on to State contest. From these, six went on to the All-State Festival after receiving at least two Outstanding ratings.

The SPIRIT staff also won several awards. The cover of the 1983-84 Spirit, "Visibly Different," was named one of the ten best out of 14,000 covers published by Jostens' Publishing Company. It also was awarded the All-American status and won first place in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Contest.

IN COSTUME.

Attending the After Prom Party senior Jim Sills wears his top hat and bow tie. Performing on stage, sophomore Terri Jackson imitates *The Time*. (Photos by Greg Nelson, Dana Seehafer)

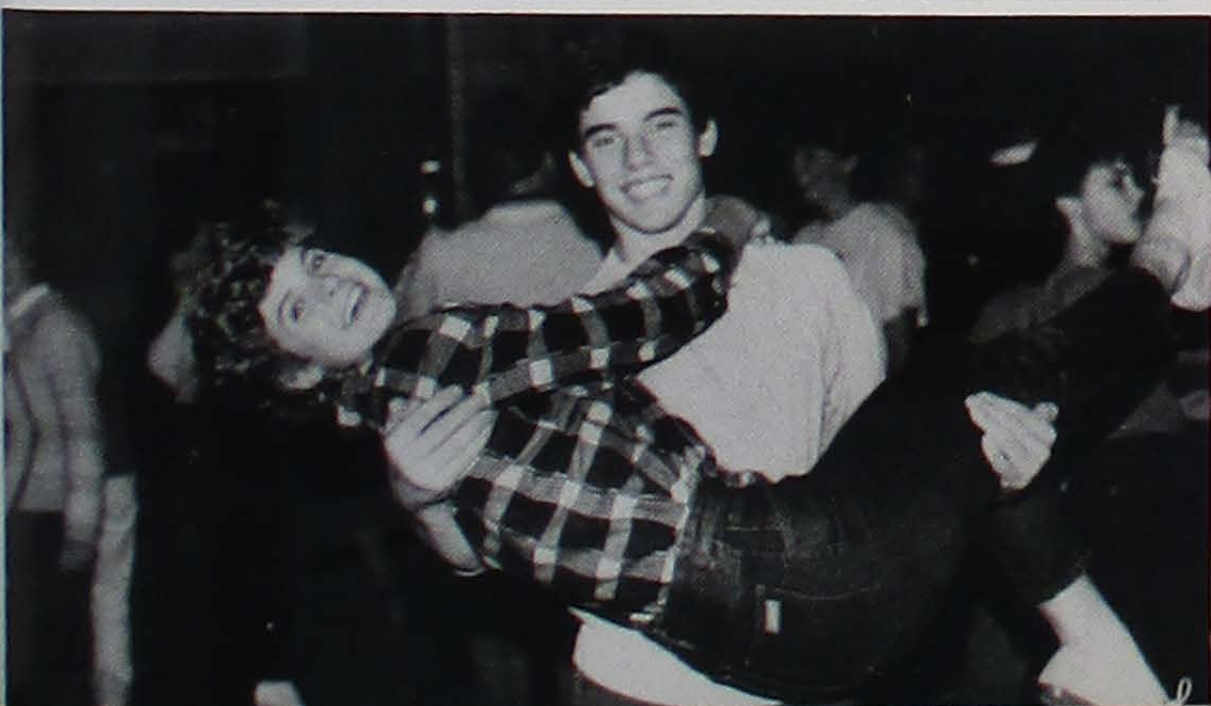


ALL DRESSED UP. At the Prom junior Mark Pelzer and senior Holly Westberg pose for a picture. Over 260 tickets were sold for the dance. (Photo by Dana Seehafer)



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT. Preparing for an orchestra concert, sophomore Stephen Johnston works on a piece to be performed. (Photo by Vel Randic)

DETERMINED TO WIN. At the District meet sophomore Gina Thompson participates in the distance medley relay. The girls track team won its first ever district meet. (Photo by Ames Tribune)

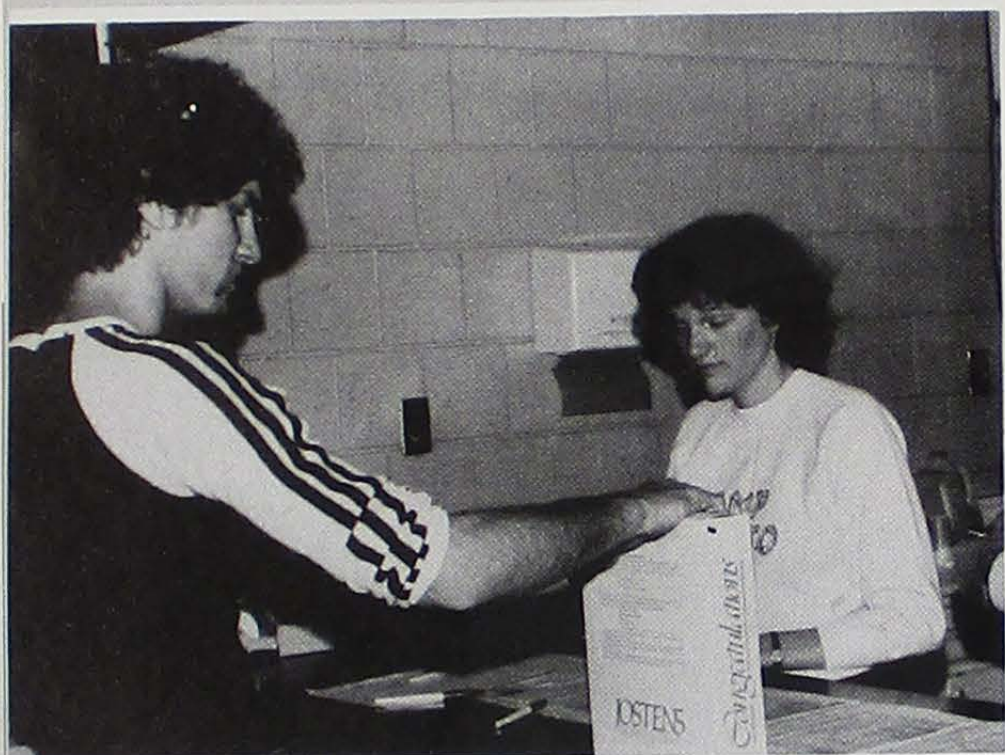


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PLAYING AROUND. At the Homecoming dance juniors Matt Arcy and Wendy Eckhoff joke around. Dances gave students a chance to let loose at the end of the week. (Photo by Vel Randic)

NOT ALL WORK Threatening to paint sophomore Verda Davenport's hair, junior Scott Patee raises his brush at a meeting of the play crews. (Photo by Vel Randic)

DECISION-MAKING. The *Scratch Pad* board made up of sophomore Jenny Dolphin and 10 other students makes decisions on entries for the 1985 edition. (Photo by Amy Bleyle)



GETTING ANNOUNCEMENTS. In preparation of graduation senior Rod Jones picks up his announcements from Senior Senate member Amy Hutter. Seniors spent an average of thirty dollars each on announcements. (Photo by Amy Verhoeven)

ART PROJECT. For his art class project, senior Dave Voss completes a mural that he designed. Artwork by several students became a permanent part of the school walls long after the students graduated. (Photo by Erin Andersen)

SOPHOMORE SENSATION. Playing the number six position on the boys' tennis team sophomore Mike Hilmer hits a backhand during the Sectional Meet. (Photo by Bob Gibbons)



TOTAL EXHAUSTION. After running the 5 km road race, at the JEA National Convention in Little Rock, Ark, senior Dan Emmerson collapses from exhaustion. Emmerson was the first AHS participant to cross the finish line. (Photo by Chris Benson)

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ANCIENT GREEKS. During a production of "the Warrior's Husband," senior Mike Pell plays his part as an ancient Greek. The play had one of the largest casts to play in the auditorium. (Photo by Barb Farrar)



Things began to wind down as all the important assignments were finished, sport seasons ended and various organizations held their last meetings.

The sophomores and juniors got the first feeling for what school would be like next year without the upperclassmen while the seniors sunned, golfed and socialized at the Ames Golf and Country Club for the annual Senior Picnic.

Then, on May 23, the seniors lined up in their new-
port blue caps and gowns and marched into Hil-
ton Coliseum to the sounds of "Pomp and Cir-
cumstance". We cheered with them as Carol
Mallgren received the last diploma, and they all
became alumni.

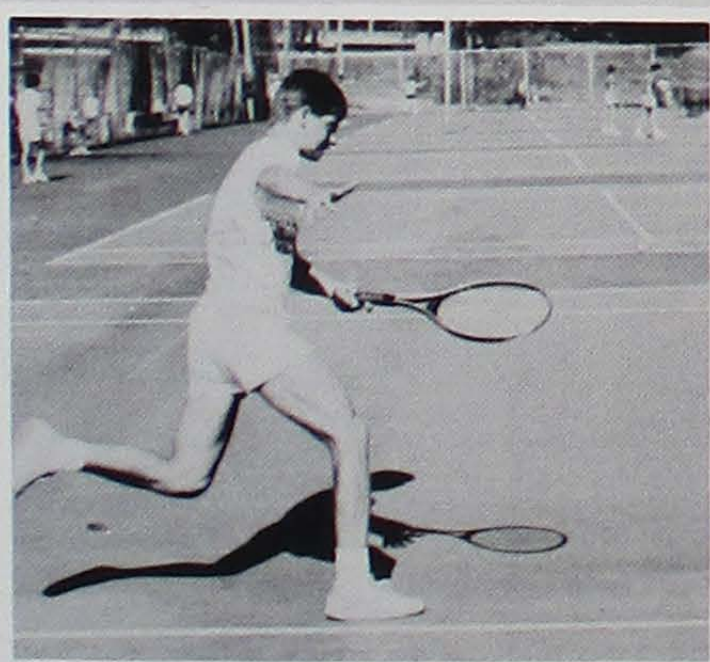
With the seniors gone, the halls were emptier, but
the senior rail was soon crowded with juniors.
Sophomores enjoyed walking through the lobby
without being played "pinball" with or being
called "scoffs".

Finally, after the last semester test was taken we
began to clean out our lockers. Stacks of old
assignments, GQ pin-ups and leaky pens were
stuffed into paper bags and knapsacks to be
carted home.

Now that it was finally over, we realized the 1984-
85 school year had been A CUT ABOVE.

IMPORTANT POSITIONS.

In order to organize the eight member
photography department, senior Devika Seecharan
assumes the duties of photo editor. Sophomore Steve Nichol approaches the
net. (Photos by Barb Farrar and Bob Gibbons)





AN END AND A BEGINNING. On May 23, at 8:00 p.m., Amy Carey walks into Hilton Coliseum as a senior of Ames High; an hour and a half later, though, she becomes an alumni, and after the traditional cap and confetti throwing, hugs a friend jubilantly. As the 374 members of the class of 1985 left the coliseum, they realized that they had been a part of a school that was truly A Cut Above.

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